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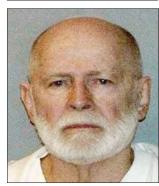
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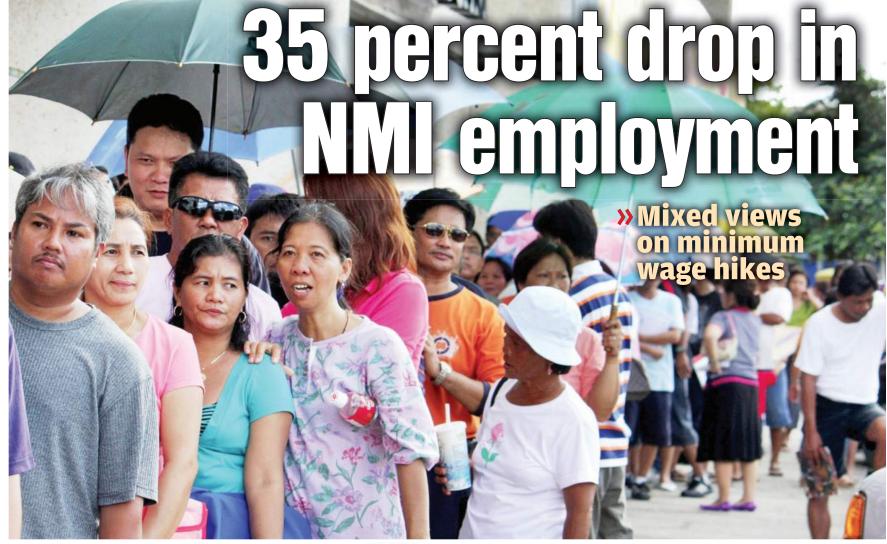
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**By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO** 

newly-released U.S. Government Accountability Office report says the inflation-adjusted earnings of minimum wage workers who retained their jobs and work hours rose by 25 percent from 2006 to 2009, even as CNMI employment fell by 35 percent mainly because of the demise of the garment industry and tourism decline.

**ON THE NET** http://www.gao.gov/new. items/d11427.pdf

These are among GAO's findings contained in a report released Thursday on the impact of minimum wage increases on employment, earnings, and status of key industries in the CNMI and American Samoa.

GAO is the investigative arm of the U.S. Congress.

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In this file photo, nonresident workers-many of them minimum wage earners-line up outside the CNMI Department of Labor office in San Antonio to get their umbrella permits. The U.S. Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of the U.S. Congress, said in a report released on Thursday that workers who participated in a GAO discussion report had mixed views regarding the minimum wage increases because while they would like to earn more, they were also concerned about losing jobs and work hours.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

### **DISAPPEARANCE ENTERS 5TH WEEK**

### DPS uses boat to search Banzai cliff line

yan Falngun

**Hanom Cave** 

The Department of Public Safety searched the cliff line of the Banzai Cliff yesterday using a search and rescue boat but still failed to find a trace of missing sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk.

As this developed, a geologist from the U.S. Geological Survey cautioned searchers yesterday from entering the Liyan Falngun Hanom Cave in Marpi as

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie\_delatorre@saipantribune.com with high levels of carbon cautions dioxide gas. searchers of bad air at Li-

Press secretary Angel Demapan told Saipan Tribune that a DPS team conducted the search of the cliff lines at Banzai Cliff using a boat.

"To preserve the integrity of the ongoing investigation, the department has no further comment at this time," Demapan said.

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# Mom told Vargas in US to keep quiet

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Filmigrant in the U.S. told The Associated

Press that she tried to persuade him to keep quiet.

Jose Antonio Vargas' mother, Emelie Salinas, sent him from the Philippines to live with his grandparents in California when he was 12 and has not seen him in person since.



She said in a telephone interview from ipino mother of a Pulitzer Prize-winning her residence near Manila on Thursday journalist who came out as an illegal im- evening that she worried about the con-

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sequences of his revelations to the U.S. mestop him, thinking all of his

hard work and achievements might be wasted. "We could not understand ... he was already there, he already achieved his dream, what else did he want?" she said. At the end, she said she supported him because it was his choice.

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# Local

# PSS invested \$2.5M to help teachers pass Praxis

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

REPORTER

The Public School System has already spent a total of \$2.5 million to help its classroom teachers become highly qualified since the Board of Education adopted the HQT policy in 2006.

In a report to the Legislature, PSS disclosed that it spent \$725,000 in 2006 to conduct a 40-hour seminar for its teachers, facilitated by experts from the University of Guam and the Northern Marianas College.

In 2007, another \$900,000

was spent to assist teachers pass the Praxis test while \$200,000 was spent in the summer of 2008 for the same purpose. In 2009, PSS spent \$100,000 for another seminar for non-HQ teachers; it recorded \$585,000 in expenses for the same purpose this school year, 2010-2011.

The investment has paid off for PSS in more ways than one.

"The investment that PSS has made in professional development for our teachers, of over \$2.5 million in Praxis seminars and over \$1 million in balanced leadership, purposeful communities, research-based strategies, using data to drive decisionmaking has resulted in a doubling of student scores on SAT 10 across the past five years," the PSS report states.

In school year 2005, the system only had 81 highly qualified teachers, representing just 13 percent of the teacher population. This went up to 56 percent in school year 2007, 65 percent in 2008, 75 percent in 2009, and over 80 percent at present.

PSS has 595 classroom teachers and recruits on average 45 to 50 new teachers each year to rethe system.

To build local capacity, the system created several campaigns and initiatives to increase students' interest in education. Among these is the Teacher Academy Program, which was formed last year to create a pool of local teachers and reduce the high cost of recruiting teachers from off-island.

The Troops-to-Teachers program, in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education, was also created to enable returning soldiers to serve in pub-

place those who retire or leave lic schools by helping them obtain their degrees.

> To become highly qualified, a teacher must meet three requirements: obtain a degree, obtain teacher certifications, and pass

PSS only has until the end of July this year to comply with the USDOE's mandate that requires 100 percent highly qualified personnel.

### Man caught on camera stealing TV sets gets 30-day prison term

The Superior Court has imposed a 30-day prison term on one of two brothers who were caught on a surveillance camera stealing two flat screen TV sets and several towels from a hotel in western Garapan.

Associate Judge Perry B. Inos sentenced Vincent C. Reyes to two years in prison, all suspended except for 30 days, for theft, with credit for the 11 days he had already served in jail.

The 21-year-old Reyes will start serving the rest of his sentence on July 5, 2011 at 8am.

After completing the prison term, Reyes will be placed on three years of supervised probation. He was required to pay a \$500 fine, and \$400 in restitution to Hanamitsu Hotel and Spa. He is also reguired to perform 200 hours of community service.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Reyes with theft, and conspiracy to commit as part of a plea deal. The remaining charge was dropped.

Vincent Reyes and his brother, Derik C. Reyes, stole two 32-inch flat screen TV sets and towels from Hanamitsu Hotel and Spa on March 29, 2011.

The case against Derik Reyes is pending in court.

Detective Buddy Igitol stated in his report that Derik Reyes had made reservations at Hanamitsu Hotel and Spa and later checked in with his girlfriend.

The surveillance camera captured the brothers rushing out the backdoor of the hotel the following afternoon, March 29. The two were seen carrying out an object covered with white towels. They fled on a Nissan Altima with license plate ACH-864.

The hotel's housekeeping staff discovered while cleaning rooms 203 and 204 that two TV sets were missing, along with several towels. theft. He pleaded guilty to theft (Ferdie de la Torre)

# Kagman High School, NCAA affiliation approved

### >> School alumna Yvonne Bennett first to receive scholarship

By MONETH G. DEPOSA REPORTER

Starting the 2011-2012 school year Kagman High School will be affiliated with the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the first beneficiary of this partnership is Ayuyu alumna Yvonne Bennett.

Bennett graduated in 2009 and was named KHS' female athlete of the year. She is now attending Boise State University and was accepted to the institution's track and field team.

KHS principal Alfred Ada said that Bennett will receive scholarship awards from the NCAA this new school year.

"Yvonne has been doing a good job in her university and NCAA has offered her a scholarship. Because Yvonne came from our school, Kagman High was endorsed to become its affiliate. So we're very proud of what she achieved," said Ada yesterday, adding that the scholarship may be used by the recipient for any college or university sports program they are involved in.

Ada believes that KHS is the first high school on island that is formally affiliated with the national organization. Because of the affiliation, KHS graduates who will join any sports program in any college university or colleges can apply for scholarship assistance from the NCAA.

This new school year, another graduate of KHS plans to avail of the scholarship assistance: 2011 KHS male athlete of the year, John Maratita, will pursue college at Arizona State

Founded more than 100 years ago, the NCAA was established as a way to protect student-athletes and provides scholarships to implement that principle with increased emphasis on both athletics and academic excellence.

Ada said the school submitted the required documentations and records to the organization.

Because of the present shortfall in the government's scholarship programs, "any amount would be a great help for our

Besides Bennett's achievement, Ada also cited the recognition bestowed on another alumna—Raelani Ogumoro, who was named recipient of the prestigious Harry Trumann Foundation scholarship grants.

Truman Scholarship Foundation recognizes college juniors with exceptional leadership potential who are committed to careers in government, the nonprofit or advocacy sectors, education or elsewhere in the public

service; and provide them with financial support for graduate study, leadership training, and fellowship with other students who are committed to making a difference through public ser-

Ada said that Ogumoro, a sociology major at Eastern Oregon University, was approved for a full summer internship in Washington, D.C.

Another alumna, Daisy Demapan, was also recently awarded a scholarship grant by the Japanese Rotary Foundation. Demapan is a student at University of Guam.

### BEH closes one establishment in May >> 37 other stores get excellent ratings

By MONETH G. DEPOSA moneth\_deposa@saipantribune.com

REPORTER

The Department of Public Health's Bureau of Environmental Health closed down only one retail food establishment while giving excellent ratings to majority of stores.

The bureau's May inspection results, issued yesterday by DPH Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez, showed that Plates & Boxes Restaurant in San Roque was ordered closed on March 22 for violating health and sanitation rules. It re-opened on May 19 after addressing all deficiencies cited by the bureau.

A total of 35 other retail food and drink establishments got the highest "A" rating during the same period. These included Taga Market, Zubing Store & Laundromat, Thai Food Store, Spicy Thai Noodle Place, Moby Dick Restaurant, Happiness Restaurant, Misoya Noodle House, The Water Company, Tun Goru Snack Bar, EZ Mart, ½ Discount Store, Kinpachi Convenient Store, Kinpachi Restaurant & BBQ, Publix Market, Barney's Pizza, Post Chocolate, Classic Design Mart II, 888 Vegetable & Fruit Mart, Tripe S BBQ, Triple T Catering, Hula Girl, Hotel Riviera

Restaurant, Leun Fung, National Office Supply, Chinen Ice Candy Store, Seaside Mart, Mobil Kagman Retail, SPE Retail & Wholesale, Monte Vista Restaurant, Sweety Restaurant, World Vita, LA Rax Free Gift Shop, Hyatt Regency Saipan (outlets), Island Infusion, and KL Market.

Two establishments got "B" ratings: the snack bar inside the 99 Cents and Saigon Vietnam Restaurant on Hotel Street in Garapan.

No establishment got a "C" rating.

The bureau conducts sanitary inspections on retails, eating and drinking establishments every month to monitor compliance with health and sanitation standards. These establishments are given ratings ranging from A to C, while serious violators are issued closure orders.

Every closure order indicates specific timeframes to correct deficiencies and violations. Their re-opening depends on the gravity and nature of the violations committed.

During the first quarter of fiscal year 2011, the bureau recorded 12 serious violators but all re-opened after resolving all deficiencies in a timely manner.



LIBDAY PREPARATION

BILL BEZZANT

James Villagomez, an employee of the Saipan Mayor's Office, finish preparations for the 2011 Liberation Day Festival at the Fishing Base in Garapan on June 15, 2011.

### Judge delays sentencing of ex-cop, ex-detention guard

The federal court has postponed the sentencing of a former police officer who pleaded guilty to "ice" trafficking charges and a former detention guard at the Juvenile Detention Unit who pleaded guilty to enticing a minor girl.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge William Q. Hayes moved back the sentencing hearing for Florencio Quitugua Richards and Tyron Farley Reyes Fitial after the U.S. Probation Office asked for the delay.

Richards' sentencing hearing is moved from July 12, 2011, to July 22, 2011, at 10:30am; Fitial's is moved from July 21, 2011, to Sept. 13, 2011, at 9am.

court on Tuesday, U.S. Probation Officer Margarita D. Wonenberg said the continuance will allow for the probation officer to complete the presentence report investigation.

Richards was supposed to be sentenced on May 17, 2011, but the court moved it to July 12, 2011, after Wonenberg asked in In separate requests filed in April to postpone it to allow the

completion of the presentence investigation report.

Richards, a former police officer, pleaded guilty on Feb. 9, 2011, to conspiracy to distribute "ice," distribution of "ice," and possession of a firearm by a prohibited person.

Fitial, a former detention guard, pleaded guilty on April 19 to enticing a minor, but not the actual sexual penetration. (Ferdie de la Torre)

# The mystery of the missing \$15K for Northern Islands summit

>> Intentional or oversight? House leadership wants to know

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO haidee\_eugenio@saipantribune.com

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) said Thursday that the leadership wants to know why a proposed \$15,000 for the Northern Islands Development Summit that the Saipan and Northern

Islands Legislative Delegation approved during its May 23 session was removed from the final copy transmitted to then acting governor Eloy S. Inos, who

Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan), chairman of the delegation's Ways and Means Committee and

is intentional, and undermines the integrity of the local delegasigned it into law on June 7. tion's legislative process. Cabrera said the House lead-

ership has been reviewing the videotape of the May 23 delegation session to see how a bill that ended up on the governor's desk for signature was not the

author of the bill, said it could be

an oversight. But other members

of the House leadership think it

same bill the House leadership remembers it to be.

The speaker said it was clear that delegation members passed Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro's (Cov-Saipan) written floor amendment giving \$15,000 for the Northern Islands Development Summit tentatively set for September. But the bill that was later transmitted to the governor did not include the \$15,000.

Thus, the acting governor

signed a bill into law appropriating some \$3.454 million in revenue from poker license fees that did not have the \$15,000 for the Northern Islands summit.

Yumul said there's still time to appropriate funding for the summit, since it won't be held until September.

"I would think that it's only an oversight," he said.

But Cabrera, in a separate interview, said while another local bill can be introduced to ap-

propriate \$15,000 for the event, it would be hard to identify the source of funding.

He also said that even if \$15,000 is finally set aside for the summit, the House leadership would still want to know how the original proposal was deleted from the bill that became law.

The 21-member delegation will hold a session on Tuesday, but this may be rescheduled for Wednesday.

### Saipan students make the big trip to the Thespian Festival every year

By MICAH MERTES LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR

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Nearly 3,000 delegates flocked to Lincoln for this year's Thespian Festival, which takes place this week on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. Some groups had a long trip, but some groups had a looooong trip.

For 33 delegates from Saipan, it took a day and a half of nonstop travel and delays to get here. They make the trip every year, no matter the cost, the distance or the 12-hour delay in Houston.

"I think half of us cracked," said Vinni Giovanni, 16, of Marianas High School. "But we pulled through. This is one of the big events of the summer for our school. Coming here is a really big deal for us. It's worth the trip."

A brief geographical interlude: Saipan is the largest island in the United States Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, a chain of 15 tropical islands belonging to the Marianas archipelago in the western Pacific Ocean.

How big is it?

"It's about 39 square miles," Giovanni said.

"No, no," interrupted Harold Easton, Marianas High School teacher and chapter director of Thespians of the Western Pacific Islands. "Five by 15. That's 45 square miles. Don't make it sound smaller than it is."

Saipan's population is around

For the Saipan students, the Thespian Festival is a good opportunity to meet with schools and scout prospects for education on the mainland. It's also just a lot of fun, they said.

"A big deal for us about coming here," Easton said, "we get to see the wildlife."

"Squirrels!" a dozen students shouted in unison.

"We just saw fireflies for the first time last night," Giovanni

Saipan doesn't have fireflies?

"We don't have fireflies." Easton said. "We don't have squirrels. We don't have rabbits. These things do not exist on Saipan."

**NEW NURSING AIDES** 

Eleven students are now nursing aides after completing the two-year nursing assistant program that was pioneered at the Saipan Southern High School. Photos shows Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez, SSHS principal Jesse Tudela, Public School System associate commissioner Jackie Quitugua, and other guests joining the second batch of nursing aide graduates during a pinning and path of light ceremony at Pacific Islands Club on June 16.

# Fee waivers for NMC Cash for College participants

Individuals who participate in the Northern Marianas College and the College Access Challenge Project's free "Cash for College" workshop will qualify to receive fee waivers for the NMC admission application and placement tests for the upcoming fall 2011 semester.

The workshop is aimed at assisting students and their parents in maximizing scholarship opportunities that are available to students seeking to obtain a

college education.

The workshop is on Saturday, June 25, 2011, at the NMC As Terlaje campus in Building A. The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am and 3pm.

Participants will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student

Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid, and the CNMI Scholarship.

Staff members from the college's Office of Admissions and Records will also be present to provide information and assistance with the NMC application

It is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid U.S. passport, copy of valid application for a U.S. pass-

port, birth certificate, or green card), an official transcript from high school (at least three official copies), tax forms, and proof of CNMI residency for 2009 and 2010, including proof of continuing residency. Applicants for SHEFA should bring a valid U.S. passport, a voter registration card, and proof of vote cast.

For additional information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 234-5498 ext. 1526 or email daisym@nmcnet.edu. (NMC)

### **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

### **BSA** camp registration extended

The registration for the Cub Scout Day Camp and Boy Scout Summer Camp Program has been extended to Saturday, June 25, 2011 from 1pm to 5pm and on Sunday, June 26, 2011, from 10am to 5pm.

Registration forms are available at the Camp Headquarters above the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool area. Camp fee for Cub Scouts is \$2 and Boy Scouts is \$4. For more information, call Cal Reyes at 235-9708 or 285-9709. (BSA)

### **Special Mass and prayer** vigil for Luhk sisters today

The Santa Soledad Parish will be offering a special Mass or rosary and prayer vigil for the two missing sisters, Faloma and Maleina Quitugua Luhk, today, June 25, 2011, at 6pm to 9pm. Please bring a candle for this prayer vigil. The Apostolic administrator, Fr. Ryan Jimenez, will be presiding at this special Mass and the community of the Santa Soledad Church is inviting the public to attend this special intention. For more information, contact 234-3000. (PR)

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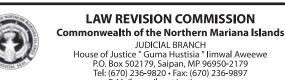
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Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons judgment by default may be taken against you for

Dated: June 17, 2011.

By: /s/ Robert H. Myers Jr., Esq. (F0365) Attorney for Plaintiff



E-Mail: cnmilaw@justice.gov.mp **REGULAR MEETING** 

### House of Justice/Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe Susupe, Saipan

Wednesday, June 29, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Commonwealth Law Revision Commission Office

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### Enhanced Red Cross services to military members, families

"Service to the Armed Forces" has provided humanitarian support to the U.S. military, veterans, and their families under a trusted symbol for almost 130 years.

Through this program, the Red Cross provides emergency communications, supports military and veteran hospitals and health care facilities, as well as providing social services to the more than two million military members to include National Guard and Reservists.

23 million veterans and their three million family members.

Recently, Red Cross has implemented improvements in their emergency communications support to the Armed Forces. These enhancements are seamless to all military, veterans and their families.

Red Cross will continue to keep families connected in crisis, provide case management services and assist with emergency financial assistance.

"Service members and families here in the CNMI now have the option of initiating emergency messages via a toll free number (1-877-272-7337)" said John Hirsh, executive director of the NMI Chapter. "Having this number along with still being able to call the chapter staff provides another option for our military in times of need."

For more information on this new service, call the chapter at 234-3459. (PR)

# 9 Saipan beach sites red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged nine Saipan beach sites and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

The affected sites are the DPW Channel Bridge, Smiling Cove Marina, north of American Memorial Park, Hafadai Hotel, Garapan Fishing Dock, Garapan Beach drainage, Saipan Community School beach, CK Dist. 2 drain-

age, and CK Dist. 4 Lally Beach.

DEQ said that samples collected from these locations had excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. Water samples were taken from 38 locations on Saipan coast on Wednesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

# National initiative to combat immigration services scams

WASHINGTON—The U.S. government has unveiled a multi-agency, nationwide initiative to combat immigration services scams. The departments of Homeland Security and Justice and the Federal Trade Commission are leading this historic effort.

This initiative targets immigration scams involving the unauthorized practice of immigration law, which occurs when legal advice and/or representation regarding immigration matters is provided by an individual who is not an attorney or accredited representative.

"We are dedicated to protecting vulnerable immigrants from those who seek to exploit them," said U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services director Alejandro Mayorkas. "Through our sustained outreach, enforcement and education efforts, and our close collaboration with our federal, state, and local partners, we will provide the communities we serve with the help needed to combat this pernicious problem"

This initiative is set upon three pillars—enforcement, education and continued collaboration—designed to stop UPIL scams and prosecute those who are responsible; educate immigrants about these scams and how to avoid them; and inform immigrants about the legal immigration process and where to find legitimate legal advice and representation.

"This coordinated initiative targets those who prey on immigrant communities by making promises they do not keep and charging for services they are not qualified to provide," said Tony West, assistant attorney general for the Civil Division of the Department of Justice. "We are attacking this problem both through aggressive civil and criminal enforcement and by connecting qualified lawyers with victims who are trying to navigate a complicated immigration system."

The Department of Justice, through United States Attorneys' Offices and the Civil Division's Office of Consumer Protection Litigation, is investigating and prosecuting dozens of cases against so-called "notarios." In the last year, DOJ has worked with investiga-

tors at the FBI, ICE, and USCIS, and with state and local partners, to secure convictions—with sentences up to eight years in prison and forfeiture and restitution of over \$1.8 million. This is in addition to the many actions at the state and local levels that have been filed against individuals and businesses engaged in immigration services scams.

ICE has also long been pursuing immigration services fraud cases in part through its 18 Document and Benefit Fraud Task Force offices across the country. In a recent case in West Palm Beach, Fla., ICE Homeland Security Investigations agents arrested an individual on May 26 who had posed as an attorney and processed more than 3,000 fraudulent immigration applications.

### **DROP**

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A copy of the 142-page June 23 report is available on the GAO website at <a href="http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d11427.pdf">http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d11427.pdf</a>. It updates its 2010 report on American Samoa and the CNMI with an additional year of information.

In GAO's discussion groups, private sector employers said minimum wage increases imposed additional costs "during a time in which multiple factors made it difficult to operate."

Some tourism employers expressed their concerns about the wage hikes while others said the increases were needed and manageable, and that the primary difficulty was the CNMI's tourism industry decline.

Workers participating in the GAO discussion groups said they would like pay increases but were concerned about losing jobs and work hours.

From 2006 to 2009, the CNMI's minimum wage increased from \$3.05 an hour to \$4.55 an hour—an increase of 49 percent.

Because the questionnaire collected wage data as of June of each year, the data covered in GAO's latest report cover the first three minimum wages in 2007, 2008 and 2009, but do not reflect the September 2010 minimum wage.

At present, the CNMI's minimum wage is \$5.05 an hour. It is set to increase by 50 cents every year until it reaches the federal minimum wage floor of \$7.25 an hour in 2016.

### 'Fitial administration recommendations'

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment yesterday, said the Fitial administration noticed the recent report is comparable to the previous report on the same topic, with the exception of the ongoing uncertainties with regards to the pending transitional worker regulations, increasing energy costs, and several other factors.

Demapan said the administration has provided recommendations that Congress reinstate its earlier mandate to include living standard studies to be conducted by GAO to gauge CNMI living conditions.

"We believe it is important to gauge the level of poverty in the CNMI to get a clearer understanding of where we stand in terms of living below or above the national poverty level. Are we above it or right on the line? And if we are below and/or on the poverty line, what can the U.S. Congress, federal agencies, and the local government do to improve that?" Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

The CNMI also recommends that Congress and federal agencies work together to remedy these challenges imposed by the federal government, he added.

The report sheds light on employment earnings and the status of the key industries since the minimum wage increases began.

For the latest report, GAO visited the CNMI in October 2010 and interviewed officials in the Office of the Governor, Department of Commerce, and the Marianas Visitors Authority.

GAO said they were not able to meet with some other CNMI agencies, and the Office of the Governor said the officials were not available because they had just returned to work following a government shutdown.

They also met with and interviewed officials of the U.S. Interior's Office of Insular Affairs and Department of Labor, along with private sector representatives including those from hotels and the workers. GAO said it also held a phone interview with the Tinian Chamber of Commerce.

# Chamber of Commerce, SHRM review

The Society for Human Resource Management-CNMI Chapter and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, among other entities, have started sending electronic copies of, or links to, the GAO report yesterday.

Richard Pierce, executive director of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, said it's anti-climactic to read the GAO report, considering that private sector employers have long expressed concerns about the result of minimum wage increases, including layoffs and work hour cuts.

"I would characterize it as anticlimactic but the Chamber will issue a statement about the report on Monday," he said in a brief interview.

He added that the Chamber worked closely with GAO by submitting comments in preparation for the report.

### **Employment, earnings**

GAO said CNMI employment fell 13 percent from 2008 to 2009, and 35 percent from 2006 to 2009.

Average inflation-adjusted earnings rose by 3 percent from 2008 to 2009 and remained largely unchanged from 2006 to 2009, it said.

Over the same periods, the hourly wage of minimum wage workers who remained employed increased significantly more than inflation.

In the tourism industry, scheduled minimum wage increases through 2016 would affect 95 percent of workers employed by questionnaire respondents.

GAO said tourism employers reported that they took cost-cutting actions from June 2009 to June 2010, and planned to take additional actions, including laying off workers.

"Few of these tourism employers attributed past actions largely to the minimum wage increases, and one half or less did so for each of the planned actions," the report says.

Available data suggest that hotels generally absorbed minimum wage costs rather than raise room rates. Hotel payroll will represent an increasing share of total operating costs due to the minimum wage increases.

GAO said it shared the report with relevant federal agencies and the governments of American Samoa and the CNMI.

"While generally agreeing with the findings, they raised a number of technical concerns that have been incorporated as appropriate," it said.

### **American Samoa**

In American Samoa, employment fell 19 percent from 2008 to 2009 and 14 percent from 2006 to 2009, said GAO.

Data for American Samoa's 2010 total employment are not available.

GAO questionnaire responses show that tuna canning employment fell 55 percent from 2009 to 2010, reflecting the closure of one cannery and layoffs in the remaining cannery.

Average inflation-adjusted earnings fell by 5 percent from 2008 to 2009 and by 11 percent from 2006 to 2009; however, the hourly wage of minimum wage workers who remained employed increased by significantly more than inflation.

### **VARGAS**

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Vargas, 30, who shared a Pulitzer Prize for coverage of the Virginia Tech massacre as a reporter for The Washington Post, says he didn't know about his citizenship status until four years after he arrived in the U.S., when he applied for a driver's permit and handed a clerk his green card.

"This is fake," a Department of Motor Vehicles clerk said, according to Vargas' account. "Don't come back here again."

Vargas confronted his grandfather, who acknowledged he purchased the green card and other fake documents.

Salinas, 53, a former office assistant, said that her son was ready for the consequences of his action—a possibility of deportation—and has already obtained a Philippine passport. He has been wanting to see his family in the Philippines and has promised his younger sister, whose nursing education he is financing, that he would come home for her graduation next year, she said.

He also has a 14-year-old brother who he has only seen via the Internet.

"We are excited to see him," Salinas added. "I just hope he can come home with his documents in order."

When she sent him off to America, Salinas said she promised she would follow him and had applied several times for a U.S. visa but was denied.

She said that she felt her son resented her unfulfilled promise and for a time after he went to college, he seldom called or wrote letters. But she said they reconnected after he joined The Washington Post.

Salinas, who separated from Vargas' father when the boy was 3, said she could not afford to send her son to school in the Philippines. She said she sent him to his grandparents in the U.S. because like any mother, she wanted a good future for him.

"In the beginning, there were times I would think I wish I did not send him there, I wish we could be together especially during special occasions," she said. "But I saw what he was doing ... I saw that he was achieving his dreams, getting the things which he could not get here."

# **DPS**From Page 1

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It was not clear how many DPS personnel participated in the search or whether an underwater search was done.

There was no word from DPS if the Liyan Falngun Hanom Cave had already been searched or if it is being targeted for one.

Demapan earlier stated that search operations for the missing sisters will now be driven largely by tips that come in.

On Wednesday, DPS teams searched the Kalabera Cave, the Bird Island cliff line in Marpi, and the Kagman watershed known as Education Island, but still failed to find any trace of the Lubks

The mysterious disappearance of Luhk sisters in As Teo is now entering

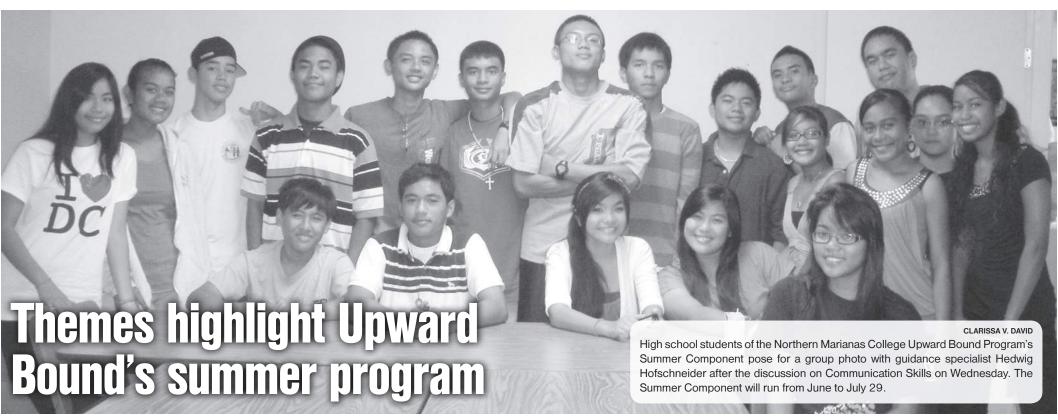
its fifth week.

In an e-mail, USGS geologist David Weary said he read *Saipan Tribune*'s story about the search being conducted by the DPS Fire Division's Search and Rescue Unit at the Kalabera Cave. Weary said the Liyan Falngun Hanom Cave is located near the Kalabera Cave.

Weary said if DPS personnel search the cave they should take oxygen apparatus with them because of the high levels of carbon dioxide inside it.

Carbon dioxide is toxic in higher concentrations. It will make some people drowsy, cause dizziness, headache, visual and hearing dysfunction, and unconsciousness within a few minutes to an hour.

Weary was on Saipan with another geologist, Bill Burton, for a week in 2006 to revise and update the island's geologic map as its last one was made by the USGS back in 1956.



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Different themes are highlighted in the Summer Component of the Northern Marianas College Upward Bound Program, which will run from June 20 to July 29.

Upward Bound Program is a federally funded program designed to help public high school students prepare for college by providing support for their college entrance and opportunities for participants to succeed in their pre-college

their higher education pursuits.

The program, which aims to increase the rate at which participants complete high school

and enroll in and graduate from college, primarily serves public high school students from low-income families or from performance and ultimately, in families in which neither parent

### Pacific island countries step up shark saving efforts

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Association of Pacific Island Legislatures issued a resolution last week stressing the need for additional actions to protect sharks.

The resolution, reached at APIL's general assembly conference in Palau, states that the association agrees with "protective legislation in Palau, Hawaii, CNMI, and Guam."

The approved language asks "all member legislative assemblies of APIL to adopt similar legislation for a unified regional ban prohibiting the possession, selling, offering for sale, trading or distribution of shark fins, rays, and ray parts."

"Pacific islanders are again taking the global lead in initiatives to safeguard sharks from overfishing," said Matt Rand, director of Global Shark Conservation for the Pew Environment Group. "The decision

first Pacific shark sanctuary, underscores the growing momentum for conserving these animals across the region and sends another signal to the rest of the world that more needs to be done."

Trade in shark fins has been banned by APIL members from Hawaii, Guam and the Northern Marianas, and it has been suspended by the Marshall Islands.

"The shark fin ban in the CNMI was the most important legislation I introduced in my 20-year career as a public servant," said Rep. Diego T. Benavente, the Commonwealth's former House speaker and lieutenant governor. "It is imperative that this movement to protect sharks spread from island to island, nation to nation."

Sharks, which grow slowly, mature late, and produce few young during their lifetimes, have difficulty recovering reached in Palau, home of the from overfishing and deple-

tion. These apex predators, living at the top of the food web, are key to maintaining the health of ocean ecosystems. Yet up to 73 million are killed every year, primarily for their fins.

"We applaud all members of APIL for responding to the plight of the region's sharks," Rand said. "We support their efforts and hope that their leadership continues to inspire other coastal nations to protect these important animals.'

The member states of APIL are the Northern Marianas, Guam, Palau, Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, American Samoa, Nauru, and Hawaii. The exclusive economic zones of all APIL member nations total an area larger than the land masses of the continental United States and European Union countries combined. (Pew Environment Group)

### Investor files 3rd amended complaint vs Quichocho, wife

An investor has filed in federal court a third amended lawsuit ed complaints. against attorney Ramon K. Quichocho and his wife for allegedly engaging in racketeering activity and money laundering.

Jung Ja Kim filed the third amended complaint after the U.S. District Court for the NMI dismissed last month her second amended complaint for being deficient. The court had allowed Kim to cure the deficiency.

The Quichocho couple's lawyer, Michael Dotts, previously stated that the complaint is just Kim's "twisted story and is out of touch with reality."

Dotts said the complaint is severely detective even after more than a year of Kim trying to get it right by filing amend-

In his third try, Kim, through counsel Colin M. Thompson, is suing Quichocho and his wife, Frances Quichocho, the Quichocho's law firm, and the couple's company, Karissa LLC, for violation of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, RICO, conversion, fraud, and constructive trust.

She is also suing Quichocho and his law firm for legal malpractice-professional negligence, and legal malpracticebreach of fiduciary duty.

Kim is also suing the Quichocho couple and the Quichocho law firm for breach of lease agreements.

She is seeking damages, court costs, and attorney's fees and wants the court to establish that all assets, benefits, moneys, or assets received by the Quichochos from Latte Stone LLC and Tan Dingo LLC were held in trust for her benefit.

According to Thompson in the complaint, the Quichochos acquired control of Tan Dingo and Latte Stone through a pattern of racketeering activity. Thompson said the Quichochos used Latte Stone's bank account in the Bank of Guam to conceal or disguise the source and ownership of the funds generated by poker machines that the Quichochos wrongfully acquired from Kim through wire fraud. (Ferdie de la Torre)

holds a bachelor's degree.

Hedwig Hofschneider, guidance specialist, said the Summer Component, which accepts incoming sophomores to seniors, kicked off with a banquet on June 17.

Hofschneider said the Summer Component, attended by an average of 20 to 25 students, features six themes for each week, which include Communication Skills, Career Search, Healthy Living, Research Skills, Environmental Awareness, and Financial Skills.

that would really help the students prepare not only for college but also in their chosen careers," he told Saipan Tribune.

"We thought about themes

Hofschneider said the Summer Component is also being offered in their satellite campuses on Tinian and Rota.

He also said different speakers have been invited to discuss with students various topics related to the themes.

According to Hofschneider, they do not require students to attend the whole duration of the Summer Component as they can choose whatever themes they want to learn more about.

"We understand that some of these students have work or are part of other summer programs. We don't want to discourage them from coming in any time," he explained.

Hofschneider said the Summer Component will also give students tasks or assignments related to the theme for each week.

"We usually hand out certificates at the end of the Summer Component," he added.

# IP&E donates \$1K to Boy Scouts program

By CLARISSA V. DAVID

For the first time, Isla Petroleum & Energy made a donation to the CNMI Boy Scouts of America.

IP&E CNMI area manager Jeff Boyer handed the \$1,000 check to island director Cal Reves and district commissioner Wayne Gillespie at the Liberation carnival grounds Wednesday.

"We've always been in support of organizations that truly need the funding. I know the Boy Scouts are starting up again so we are giving them this kind of assistance to keep them going," he said.

Boyer said IP&E believes in the CNMI Boy Scouts of America and its ideals. "The fact that they gave this donation is a good indication that we'll start a budget for them and support the group again."

He also said that he had a lot of fun serving as an adult volunteer with the Boy Scouts sometime between 1997 and 1998.

"I'm considering becoming a volunteer again. If my son is of age, I'll definitely be part of it again and let my son join the Boy Scouts," added Boyer.

Reyes said the donation will help defray the cost of the printing of the shirts to be used for their summer camp and the Fourth of July parade.

"Hopefully, with this kind of support, it will give us more reason to work toward the good objectives that the Boy Scout Committee set forth," he added.

Reyes disclosed that DFS Galleria also made a \$500 donation to the Boy Scouts of America last February.

"The DFS donation covered the summer camp registration fee for all boy scouts and adult leaders," he said.



IP&E CNMI area manager shakes hands with CNMI Boy Scouts of America island director Cal Reyes after presenting the \$1,000 donation at the Liberation carnival grounds on Wednesday. With them is district commissioner Wayne Gillespie.

# **Opinion**



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### **EDITORIAL**

## **Bring them home**

resident Obama's highly anticipated announcement Wednesday night that U.S. troop strength in Afghanistan will return to pre-surge levels within a year was welcome.

In a televised speech, Obama said 10,000 troops will come home by December and 23,000 more will return by next summer. A late 2009 surge of 30,000 soldiers raised the troop level to about 100,000. "The light of a secure peace can be seen in the distance," he said.

Although Obama's military commanders wanted a slower pace of withdrawal, it's doubtful that most Americans would have reacted negatively had Obama announced an even larger return of U.S. troops for next month.

After more than 10 years of soldiers coming home maimed or in body bags, and billions being spent to improve the lives of Afghans and Iraqis while this country falls deeper into debt, Americans are war weary. That fact has been quantified in most recent polls.

An ABC News/Washington Post poll this month showed 54 percent of Americans no longer think the war in Afghanistan is worth fighting, and 73 percent believe a "substantial number" of troops should be brought home this summer.

In a Pew Research Center survey this month, 56 percent of respondents said U.S. troops should leave Afghanistan as soon as possible, rather than wait until that country is stable. That's up from 32 percent who said leave ASAP in 2008.

A CBS News poll this month showed 64 percent want to see a decrease in U.S. troops, compared with 24 percent in 2009. A CNN poll showed 62 percent of Americans now oppose the war, up from 46 percent in 2009.

Such numbers have helped fertilize bipartisanship that other issues before Congress can only dream of achieving. The country's antiwar mood is further fueled by a larger conversation about the proper U.S. role in other military operations, including Libya.

Rep. Joe Heck, R-Nev., has introduced a bill to stop funding the Libya mission in 30 days. Rep. Justin Amash, R-Mich., said, "We need to worry more about our own affairs at home and stop trying to police the world."

That sentiment is echoed by Democrats such as West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin III, who said, "We can no longer, in good conscience, cut services and programs at home, raise taxes, or—and this is very important—raise the debt ceiling in order to fund nation-building in Afghanistan."

Noting the slaying of Osama bin Laden and the growth of health and educational opportunities for Afghans, Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., said it's time to change strategies and spend less on the war. "At a time of economic austerity in the U.S., the \$120 billion-per-year price tag is unsustainable," he said.

That's how most Americans feel, which is why Obama could have been bolder. The case that smaller troop withdrawals will make a significant difference even though all U.S. troops are scheduled to come home in 2014 is a very difficult one to make, given the evidence so far.

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# The silent jobless

obs are slowly coming back, but that's small comfort to more than 13 million Americans who remain unemployed. For every current job opening, four people are still looking for a job. Many others have given up even trying to find work.

The American economy is trapped in a vicious cycle. Those who are unemployed can't afford to buy much more than bare necessities, while people who are working are getting skimpier paychecks. This means consumers don't have much purchasing power, which has made companies reluctant to hire more employees or raise the wages of those they have. (Big companies are enjoying high profits these days, but the profits are coming largely from their foreign sales.)

You'd think the American public would be demanding government action: a new WPA for the long-term unemployed, a second stimulus to make up for the shortfall in purchasing power, stronger safety nets. But we're not hearing much clamor for any of this. One reason is that those who remain unemployed have little or no political clout.

Who are they?

Women who lost their jobs are having a harder time getting back to work than men. Men took a bigger hit during the recession because industries that employ lots of men—manufacturing, transportation and construction—got whacked early in the downturn. Construction is still in the doldrums, but manufacturing and transportation have picked up, so men are starting to be rehired.

But women who fill the ranks of teachers, public health professionals and social workers are in bad shape. These jobs continue to be slashed by state and local governments. Public schools alone accounted for nearly 40 percent of the nation's total public sector job losses in the last year. From March 2010 to March 2011, women lost 214,000 public sector jobs, compared with a loss of 115,000 public jobs by men. Women also tend to be real estate agents, appraisers and home decorators. Because the housing market is still in the dumps and home sales continue to drop across the country, these jobs are also in short supply and are unlikely to come back anytime soon.

Unmarried mothers are having a particularly difficult time getting back jobs because their work was heavily concentrated in the retail, restaurant and hotel sectors. Many of these jobs disappeared when consumers reduced their discretionary spending, and they won't come back in force until consumers start spending more again. According to a new report by the California Budget Project, the recession erased more than half the jobs single mothers in California had gained from 1992 to 2002. The result has been a drop in the share of unmarried mothers in jobs, from 69.2 percent in 2007 to 58.8 percent in 2010. Unmarried mothers who still have jobs are working fewer hours per week than before.

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In California, as elsewhere in the country, blacks continue to be hard hit. Their unemployment rate in the state reached 20 percent in March, up 5 percent from the year before. That's more than double their rate before the downturn. Some of this is because of the comparatively low education levels of many black Californians and their weak connections to the labor market. Some is due to employer discrimination. Blacks were among the last hired before the recession and therefore among the first to be let go in the downturn. That means they'll be among the last hired as the economy recovers.

The ranks of the unemployed also include many young people who have never been in the job market and are unable to land a first job. Employers who have their pick of applicants see no reason to hire someone without a track record, particularly those without much education. Unemployment among high school dropouts is hovering around 30 percent. Even recent college graduates are having a much harder time than usual finding a job. Many are settling for jobs that don't ordinarily require college degrees, which pushes those with less education even further back in the line.

Another group in trouble are those who have been out of work for six months or longer. Employers seem to assume they aren't as qualified or reliable as those who have been working more recently. Some employers will only consider applicants currently employed elsewhere. Older workers who have lost their jobs are at the greatest risk of continued unemployment. According to research by the Urban Institute, once you're laid off, your chance of finding another job within a year is 36 percent if you're under the age of 34. But your odds drop the older you get. If you're jobless and in your 50s, your chance of landing another job within the year is only 24 percent. Over 62, you've got only an 18 percent chance.

What do those who are jobless have in common? They lack the political connections and organizations that would otherwise demand policies to spur job growth. There's no National Association of Unemployed People with a platoon of Washington lobbyists and a war chest of potential campaign contributions to get the attention of politicians

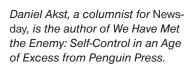
As a result, too many are likely to remain unemployed for months if not years. That's bad news, not only for them but for America.

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# The political virtue of self-control

By DANIEL AKST Newsday





ow that Anthony Weiner has taken his leave of Congress, it's worth asking whether any grown-up ought to care about the sexual misadventures of a public official.

Of course, the answer will always depend to some extent on the nature of the misadventures. If former International Monetary Fund chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn turns out to be guilty of trying to rape a hotel chambermaid, we certainly should care. We should also care about John Edwards, who not only portrayed himself as a loyal family man while impregnating his paramour, but is under indictment for allegedly using campaign funds to keep her out of the way while he ran for president.

But how about if an elected official makes a fool of himself through some sexually oriented escapades on the Internet? Weiner, it should be noted, does not seem to have broken any laws, and so far there is no evidence the married former congressman had sex with any of the women involved. But he did commit two cardinal sins for anyone in a leadership position. First, he let his appetites get the better of him.

And second, he did so in ways he should have known would degrade him and his office.

Weiner surely knew that we often judge others on how well they cope with desire. There is wisdom in doing so, especially when it comes to leaders. The ancient Greeks, who were obsessed with self-mastery, argued that if a man could not control himself he probably couldn't control the polis, or city-state, and therefore was unworthy of office.

Spiritual ascetics have always been revered by worldlier mortals, and leaders like Gandhi derive enormous authority from ostentatious displays of restraint and self-denial. Today's imperial chief executives, with their huge pay packages, badly undermine themselves by broadcasting their greed.

Weiner's sexting habit wasn't job-related, yet who can deny that it reflects badly on his character as well his judgment, both of which are very much job related? If a person can't control himself outside of work, after all, can he be trusted to control himself on the job? In fact Weiner was notorious as an on-the-job bully, indulging his anger so freely that his office was plagued by high staff turnover.

His downfall also shows how poor self-control in one arena may subvert one's life in another. His indignant lying in the early part of the scandal, which was probably as harmful to his cause as the things he was lying about, never would have happened had he kept his impulses reined in.

At 46, Weiner has lived long enough to know that public lapses in self-control can torpedo reputations. In our work lives, at least, capitalism has always encouraged a great show of conscientiousness and propriety, even if it encourages excess in our lives as consumers.

Nobody wants to do serious business with people who lack self-control (witness Charlie Sheen), which is one reason being fit can be such a competitive advantage in a nation of fat people. Contra Weiner, it's supposed to show self-discipline, like the ritual of men and women at a dinner party greeting with chaste hugs and kisses. The idea is to demonstrate that we can safely consort without crossing the line. Americans are sometimes accused of Puritanism about all this, yet perhaps those worldly Europeans can learn something from us. In Italy, after all, Silvio Berlusconi remains prime minister despite a blizzard of sex scandals and investigations that have made him a national embarrassment. In America, Strauss-Kahn and Edwards are awaiting trial.

And Anthony Weiner is toast.

# Doesn't this president remind you of someone?

ack in 1987, the hot novelty item at the Young Republicans' national convention was a T-shirt bearing the slogan: "He's Tan, Rested and Ready. Nixon in '88." The kids were just a little bit ahead of their time; it would take us an additional 20 years before we elected a tan version of Richard Nixon.

Barack Obama's inner Nixon was all over the place last week as Congress and the national news media finally awoke to the fact the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize winner is now running four, count 'em, four wars. (You know Henry Kissinger's spleen is going to burst with jealousy at any moment.) I wouldn't be surprised if the president, kissing his wife as he left for work one morning, accidentally called her Pat.

■ Inoperative statements. Whenever new evidence emerged to contradict Nixon's Watergate coverup, his press secretary Ron Ziegler would helpfully explain that Nixon's previous statement was not false but simply "inoperative," as if it had run out of juice.

"Inoperative" seems the perfect word to describe Obama's declaration, back in 2007 when he was running for the White House, that "the president does not have power under the Constitution to unilaterally authorize a military attack in a situation that does not involve stopping an actual or imminent threat to the nation.'

Certainly Obama cannot believe that any more. His war in Libya is now in its fourth month, having burned off \$1 billion in tax money and who knows how many tons of explosives on the thousands of sorties flown by U.S. aircraft. The "actual or imminent threat" that provoked this remains illusive. As George Will asked on TV Sunday: "Did Libya attack us? No. Was it about to attack us? No. Were we obliged by a treaty to get engaged in a civil war in a tribal society? No. Were American's endangered? No. Find me a reason for this."

Yet the president continues saucily to insist that he needs no congressional permission for the war. His minions either argue that plastering Tripoli with Tomahawk missiles isn't an attack—"a limited kinetic action," Defense Secretary Robert Gates called it—or that the War Powers Act, which requires congressional approval for military actions lasting longer than 90 days, doesn't apply.

"I believe very strongly has the constitutional power as commander in chief to take steps that he believes are necessary to protect this country and protect our national interests," said Leon Panetta, who will replace Gates sometime this summer. "And obviously, I think it's important for presidents to consult, to have the advice of Congress. But in the end, I believe he has the constitutional power to do what he has to do to protect this country.'

So what about Panetta 's complaint, back in 1983 when he was a congressman, that the Reagan administration was in "brazen disregard"

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of the War Powers Act for getting militarily involved in Lebanon? "It is incumbent upon this body to protect the integrity of our legislative process by asserting its legal and constitutional role in deciding the extent of our commitment in Lebanon," Panetta said then. Inoperatively.

■ Secret bombing. That annoying War Powers Act was passed in 1973 after Congress discovered Nixon had carried out a yearlong bombing campaign in Cambodia without a shred of authorization. Give Obama credit for out-Nixoning Nixon: Earlier this month, The New York Times disclosed that we've been bombing Yemen for two years without any messy public debate or congressional permission.

The Pentagon has been handling the job, but now the White House is turning it over to the CIA because the agency can blow things up with fewer legal constraints. How long before we see Obama on television citing the First Nixonian Principle of Jurisprudence: "When the president does it, that means that it is not illegal"?

■ The Saturday Night Massacre. Presidents have just as much trouble finding good lawyers as the rest of us. When the Watergate special prosecutor got too pushy, Nixon ordered Attorney General Elliot Richardson to fire him. Richardson quit instead. Then Nixon ordered Deputy Attorney General William Ruckelshaus to do the firing. Ruckelshaus quit, too. Finally, Solicitor General Robert Bork pulled the trigger in the affair that went down in infamy as The Saturday Night Massacre.

It may not have been a Saturday night when Obama started looking for a legal opinion to explain why the war in Libya isn't covered by the War Powers Act. But the rest of the story sure sounds familiar. Caroline Krauss, who runs the Office of Legal Counsel in the Justice Department, said blowing up Gadhafi's palace sure sounded to her like it met the definition of "hostilities," the triggering word of the War Powers Act. Then Jeh Johnson, the Defense Department's general counsel, said the same. Finally Obama found his administration's Bork: State Department legal adviser Harold Koh. "We are acting lawfully," Koh said last week. Rendering who knows how many dictionaries inoperative.

# Will China play global rescuer?

By PETER GOLDMARK NEWSDAY

> hypothetical letter from the Western-educated daughter of China's next paramount leader: To: Comrade Xi Jinping From: Your daughter

Respected Father,

As you prepare to assume the leadership role in China, I write to share with you thoughts on the global situation and China's role that I have gained here in my studies at Harvard University.

The financial tornado of 2008 and ensuing economic difficulties have left both Europe and the United States gravely weakened. The United States is in economic stagnation, and will not soon see again the growth rates of 3 percent to 4 percent per year it enjoyed in the past. The euro crisis has left Europe in a state of financial and political paralysis; it is not clear if their political union can survive. This means that the Atlantic institutions, such as the International Monetary Fund and the World Trade Organization, are weakened in turn.

The strength of the Chinese economy, its currency reserves and its continuing rate of growth, create a pivotal opportunity for China in the financial rescue efforts that must take place in Europe and perhaps in some American states, and a chance to refashion the global financial system so that it protects China's interests.

Over the past decade, China has been forced to develop a worldwide network of natural resource arrangements. In Africa and elsewhere, we have concluded pacts to feed our insatiable economy with a steady stream of raw materials, from food to minerals.

But this system of overseas natural resource suppliers is precarious, dangerously vulnerable to military interference by third parties as well as to changing regimes and national policies. To address these risks, we should insist on long-term access to food, energy and raw materials in return for our assistance in financial rescue efforts that will be needed in Europe and perhaps in the United States.

The surest and fastest way to strengthen our ability to ensure that

our network of suppliers survives is to parlay financial assistance into a stronger leadership role in the international financial system that establishes and enforces terms of trade, international lending and currency relationships. When the ship is going down, he who controls the lifeboats can call a lot of the shots.

Let me add a dash of realpolitik here. We need to have an implicit threat as well as to offer financial assistance. It is vital therefore to continue the drive for cyber-dominance now under way in China, both as a defensive measure but more important as the most potent deterrent our country can mount against those who might wish to bring pressure against us.

The question of which country can bring down another country's life-support systems may be decided by margins as thin as those nanoseconds that presently determine the outcomes of battles between hyper-trading forces on the world's stock exchanges. We need to continue training our cyber-shock troops so that we can dominate cyberspace, just as the United States dominated the arena of airborne intelligence and nuclear arms in the period after World War II.

Because the United States is weak and Europe is consumed with its own internal crisis, the circumstances are ripe for us to become, in effect, the world's reserve banker—insisting on natural resource concessions in return for credit, participating in financial rescue interventions (as we did already in Greece) and reshaping the global financial system to protect and assure our primacy. This should be done on a practical and cooperative basis. A stable global financial system that protects our interests is desirable and feasible; anything that destabilizes that system is not in our interest.

I wish you luck, dear Father, as you prepare for the vast responsibilities that await you. And I can only hope that some day after I return from Harvard, you may find a role, however humble, in which I can be of assistance.

Your loving daughter,

Xi Mingze

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# The Weather

### 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 15 mph.

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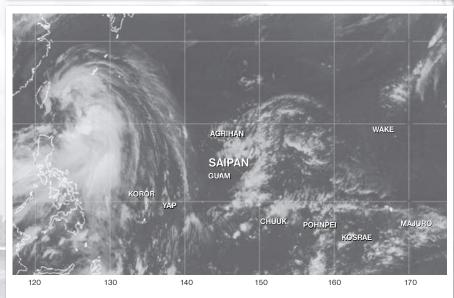
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Palau	Rain	<b>▲</b> 85 <b>▼</b> 78
Yap	Cloudy	<b>▲</b> 85 <b>▼</b> 77
Chuuk	Cloudy	<b>≜</b> 83 <b>▼</b> 76
Pohnpei	Showers	<b>▲</b> 87 <b>▼</b> 74
Kosrae	Showers	<b>▲</b> 88 <b>▼</b> 78
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	<b>▲</b> 85 <b>▼</b> 78

### **Around The Globe**

Auckland	Showers	<b>▲</b> 56	▼51
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	<b>▲</b> 87	₹68
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	<b>▲</b> 87	▼82
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	<b>▲</b> 84	<b>▼</b> 75
London	Partly Cloudy	<b>▲</b> 74	₹56
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	<b>▲</b> 76	<b>▼</b> 60
Manila	Thundershowers	<b>≜</b> 86	₹78
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	<b>▲</b> 60	▼47
Miami	Thundershowers	<b>▲</b> 90	▼80
New York	Showers	<b>≜</b> 81	<b>▼</b> 64
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲82	₹75
Paris	Sunny	<b>▲</b> 79	<b>▼</b> 53
Pusan	Showers	<b>▲</b> 74	▼68
Rome	Sunny	<b>▲</b> 87	<b>▼</b> 66
Salem	Mostly Sunny	<b>▲</b> 73	▼52
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	<b>▲</b> 64	<b>▼</b> 54
Seoul	Thundershowers	<b>▲</b> 72	▼65
Tokyo	Thundershowers	<b>▲</b> 75	<b>▼</b> 68

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2011

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Converging south winds are producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east of the Philippines along the western edge of the discussion area, or west of 132E and between 14N and 21N and west of Palau between 4N and 10N from 130E to 134E. An upperlevel low is centered northeast of Saipan near 19N148E. An upper trough extends southwest of the low to 10N142E. Isolated thunderstorms associated with this feature can be found between 15N and 20N from 144E to 150E. Upper-level divergence east of trough is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms to the southeast of Guam between 9N and 15N from 146E to 151E and north of Chuuk between 8N and 10N from 151E to 153E. A surface trough is located south of Palau and extends from 1N138E to 6N140E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with this feature are located between the equator and 4N and from 130E to 140E. Wind-flow convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Pohnpei between the equator and 6N from 156E to 160E.

### **Tides**

Washington, DC Partly Cloudy ▲87 ▼68

Saipan Harbor											
3:08 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet								
10:32 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet								
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9:38 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet								

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Tuesday	2:48 AM	4:03 PM		
Wednesday	3:37 AM	4:57 PM		

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### SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### CATHOLIC 🛱

### Mt. Carmel Cathedral

Sunday Mass: 6am Chamorro, 9am English, 11am Filipino and 6pm English Monday-Saturday: 6am Chamorro Wednesday: 6pm Chamorro Parish office hours: Monday-Saturday 8am-12pm, 12-1pm, 1-5pm

### **Korean Center**

Sunday: 10:30am Wednesday: 10am Thursday-Friday: 8pm Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm

### Kristo Rai Parish

Sunday- Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6am and 6pm (PH Novena 5:45pm) Friday: 5:30pm praying of Divine Mercy

Chaplet; 6pm devotional mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Saturday: 6am and 6pm (anticipated)

Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am 6pm Tagalog mass Parish office hours: (Fr. Celso G.

Magbanua) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8-11:30am/ 3-5:30pm, Wednesday and Friday 3-5pm. Telephone no. 285-0273

### **Santa Soledad Mission Parish**

Monday: 6pm Tuesday: 6pm Wednesday: 6pm Friday: 6pm Saturday: 6pm (Youth mass/ anticipated

Sunday: 7am and 9am (Children's mass)

Parish office hours: Wednesday and Saturday: 4-6pm

Telephone no. 256-4568

### **Saint Jude Parish**

Monday- Friday: 6pm Saturday: 7am Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am Parish office hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30am, 3:30-5pm Office is close every Thursday and Saturday Telephone no. 288-0007

### **San Antonio Parish**

Monday-Friday 6pm Saturday: 6pm Sunday: 7am, 9am (Blessing of children) Parish office hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 8-11:30am, 2-4:45pm Close on Sunday and Monday

### San Francisco de Borja-Rota

Sunday: 6am Chamorro, 8am English Monday and Tuesday:6am Chamorro Wednesday:6pm English Thursday: 6am Chamorro Friday: 6am English Saturday: 6am Chamorro, 6pm Tagalog Sunday: anticipated mass

### San Isidro-Rota

Sunday: 5am, 8am, 10am Monday-Friday: 7pm Saturday: 5am and 7pm

### San Jose (Oleai) Parish

Monday- Saturday: 6am daily mass Monday- Sunday: 3pm Divine Mercy

Wednesday: 6pm, mass, exposition of the blessed sacrament

Saturday: 6pm, anticipated Sunday mass Sunday: 7:30-9am English, 6pm Tagalog mass

Office hours: Monday-Wednesday: 9am-12pm, 2-5pm Thursday: day off

### Friday- Saturday: 8am-12pm, 2-5pm Telephone no. 234-6991

### **San Roque Parish**

Sunday: 7:30am Chamorro, 9am English Monday: 6pm English Tuesday: 6pm English Wednesday: 6pm English- novena mass to our Lady of San Roque oil Thursday: 6pm English

Friday: 6pm English- Devotion to the sacred heart of Jesus (First Fridays) Saturday: 6am English- Our Lady's Saturday mass for the intentions of the Men and Women in military service, 6pm English- anticipated mass

Parish office hours: daily except Thursday and Sundays: 4:30-6pm Telephone no. 322-2404, Fr. Bong's cell:

285-912, Diocesan Finance office: 234-3000 ext.143

### **San Vicente Parish**

Monday-Friday: 6pm. Saturday: 6pm (First Saturday of every Sunday: 6am anticipated mass, 6pm (Neo

Catechumenal community mass), 8pm Sunday: 6am, 9am, 6pm Parish office hours: daily 9-11am Telephone no. 235-8208 or 287-0131

### **Santa Remedios**

Sunday: 8am Monday: 6pm (1st Mondays cemetery masses at 5:30pm) Tuesday- Friday: 6pm Saturday: 6pm-anticipated Sunday mass Parish office hours: Monday- Friday:

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### **Born Again Christian**

(Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm

Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am Sunday School for Children: 10-11am Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm

### Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan

Sunday School: 9am Sunday Morning Worship: 10am Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm Telephone no. 234-6026/27

### **Chinese Christian Church of**

Worship Services: Sunday: Chinese and Filipino 9am, English 6pm Bible Study: Wednesday and Saturday

Telephone no. 235-8540

### Cornerstone Christian Church,

Morning Service, Sunday, 10:00 am Evening Service, Sunday, 6:00 pm Children Sunday School, 10:00am/

Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7-9 pm Youth Night of Worship, Friday, 6:30 pm As Perdido Road

Chalan Piao, Saipan MP 96950 Tel. No. (670) 235-8590 Email: cornerstone@cfemcares.org

### **Episcopal/Anglican Church on** Saipan

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion

Place: Garapan, Plumeria Road. Call 285-6081 for directions

### **Grace Christian Assembly,** Saipan

Sunday Worship Service: 9-11am Sunday school/ Children's church 9am (nursery available during Sunday service) GBI Classes: 4-6pm

Prayer Meeting: 6am Tuesday GCA Kagman, Wednesday Navy Hill, Thursday San Antonio

Home Cell Bible Study: 7pm (Through out the week) Telephone no. 322-5680

### Iglesia Ni Cristo. Saipan

Wednesday: 7:45pm (English) Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog)

Sunday: 6:45am (English) Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)

### **Immanuel United Methodist** Church

Chalan Kanoa Drive, Chalan Kanoa (east of Town Center and Beach Road, Near Mt. Carmel Cathedral) Worship Service: 9:00am Children's Sunday School: 9:00am Choir Practice: 8:00am Singspiration: 8:30am Prayer, Care & Share: Wednesday 7:00pm Pastor: Millie Carroll 322-6158

### **Immanuel Methodist Church**

(Filipino Congregation)

Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal 8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog) 9:15am-Sunday School Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group 8:00pm-Prayer Meeting Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage) (Korean Congregation) Sunday worship: 9am, 10:30, 1pm Wednesday evening service: 8pm

### Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan

Daily morning prayer: 5am

Sunday English Service: 7:30-9am, Sunday Tagalog Service: 9-11am and 6-8pm, Wednesday: 7:30-9pm

### Korean Presbyterian Church,

Sunday School: 9:20am Sunday Adult: 11am Sunday Evening: 7:30pm Wednesday: 8pm

### Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan

Sunday Worship Service: 10am-12noon Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-

Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)

### Marianas Baptist Church,

Saipan

English Worship Service: 9-10:30am Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm English Sunday School: 11am-12pm Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: English, 7pm-8pm Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm

### **Missions Connection Ministry**

Every Sunday Celebrations: 10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog) Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm Youth Impact Friday: 7pm Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm

### **Northern Marianas Christian**

Sunday Worship Service 10am Fina Sisu Housing FS#1 (Child care will be provided) Friday Services @ 7pm Fina Sisu FS#1 for more info pls. contact Ryan 484-2620

### **Marianas Bible Fellowship** Center

Sunday School: 9-9:30am Divine Worship: 9:30-11am Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm

### **Pentecostal Missionary Church** of Christ (4th Watch)

Sunday worship 8:30am Sunday evening 7:00pm Prayer meeting, every Wednesday 7:30pm San Jose village, after San Jose Hotel Telephone: 789-7566

### Saipan Christian Church

Sunday: 7:30am-10am Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm

Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting) Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)

### **Saipan Church of Christ**

Sunday Bible Class: 9am Sunday Worship: 10am Sunday Worship English: 10-11am Sunday Worship Tagalog: 6-7pm Thursday Bible Study: 7pm

### **Saipan Community Church**

(Sunday Services) Palau Service: 7:30am-9am English Service: 10am-11:30am Chuukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm

### Seventh-Day Adventist Church,

(Saturday Church Services) Sabbath School Program: 9-10am Lesson Study: 10-10:40am Divine Service: 11-12pm Visitation: 3-4pm Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm Sundown Worship: 6-7pm

### First Baptist Church Koblerville

Sunday services: Sunday school 9:00am Morning worship 10:00am Evening service 6:00pm Wednesday evening bible study 7:00pm

Chinese services Sunday morning 10:00am Sunday evening 7:00pm

Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our worship services. Transportation is readily available to anyone who needs a ride to our church Telephone No: 285-4661/2

### **Thy Word Ministries Saipan**

Faith Center Phone 234-0209 New Christian Charismatic Church Service located in Chalan Paio, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above

Subway Sandwiches. Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi

Service Times Sunday 10:00am Worship Service Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service Saturday 10:00am Evangelism

### **Upper Room International**

Ministries 5:30am-6:30am Sunday Morning prayer 7am-9am English service 7am-9am Sunday school 10am-12noon English service, Koblerville Wednesday 7pm-9pm Prayer meeting Saturday 7pm-9pm Tagalog service Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church Gualo Rai, Saipan

### **Victory Chapel Christian**

Fellowship Church Sunday School: 9:30am Sunday AM Worship: 10:30am Sunday PM Worship:7:00am Wed Worship: 7:30pm Prayer 45 min. Prior to Service Times Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S

### **VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

(Formerly God's Victorious Army) Sunday 8:30am to 10:30am - Worship Service

Monday 7:00 pm - Women's Fellowship Tuesday nights - Home cellgroup Wednesday - 7:30pm to 9:00pm Mid Week Service

Friday 7:30pm to 9:00pm Prayer Meeting Saturday nights - Praise and worship practice

Last Friday of the month - Overnight praying meeting Pastor Brendon Perez - Tel# 2359246

# **Business**

# **United resumes regular** flights to Sendai

CHICAGO—United Continental Holdings announced that wholly owned subsidiary Continental Airlines will resume regular service between Guam and Sendai, Japan, subject to government approval, with twiceweekly flights beginning Oct. 2.

The new flights mark the first resumption of regular service by a foreign airline at Sendai Airport since the facility reopened on April 13. The airport was temporarily closed after the Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11.

"I am very happy to announce that we will be resuming regular Guam-Sendai flights, which we first began offering 21 years ago," said Jim Mueller, United's vice president Asia/Pacific. "I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to everyone who worked together with us under such trying circumstances to restore flight operations. We look forward to the long-term continuation of regular flight service between Guam and Sendai."

Yesterday in Sendai, Mueller presented a gift of 1,000 individually hand-folded paper cranes on behalf of both Continental Airlines and United Airlines employees, to symbolize their heartfelt wishes for an expeditious recovery of the earthquake and tsunami-stricken areas, including Sendai. Since the earthquake and tsunami, United Continental Holdings has worked to support the victims of the disaster in partnership with the American Red Cross in an effort that includes both monetary contributions and donations of frequent flyer miles. As of today, cash donations from more than 23,000 customers and employees exceed \$2.5 million, and loyalty program members have donated more than 63 million miles

United Airlines and Continental Airlines together operate 169 weekly flights to nine destinations in Japan. About United Continental Holdings, Inc. (United Continental)

### US and others plan biggest release of reserve oil stocks

NEW YORK (AP)—The United States and other nations that depend on oil imports will release and sell 60 million barrels of crude from emergency stocks in an effort to ease the strain of high oil prices on the global economy.

The release by the International Energy Agency, a group of more than two dozen countries, covers only what the world uses roughly every 16 hours. But it was enough to send oil prices lower, at least for the moment.

In addition to helping the struggling economies of the U.S. and Europe, analysts said the move was meant as a rebuke to OPEC, which has refused to increase oil production to bring down prices.

It will be the largest sale of crude ever from world strategic reserves and only the third since the IEA was formed in 1974 after the Arab oil embargo. The IEA released oil in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina and in 1990 and 1991 after Iraq invaded Kuwait.

Half the oil will come from reserves in the U.S. Refiners who turn crude into gasoline will be able to bid on the extra oil and have it shipped to them from the salt caverns along the

Gulf Coast where it is stored. (See: IEA: Countries to release 60M barrels of oil)

The IEA said high oil demand and shortfalls of oil production caused by unrest in the Middle East and North Africa threatened to "undermine the fragile global economic recovery."

The uprising in Libva has taken 1.5 million barrels of oil per day off of the market-half a million barrels less than will be released each day by the IEA.

The price of oil rose to nearly \$114 per barrel in at the end of April, the highest since the summer of 2008, but since then has fallen considerably. Analysts questioned how much relief the move would provide the economy, and for how long.

One analyst, Andrew Lipow, said the timing of the announcement, a day after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke delivered a negative outlook on the economy, suggests that industrialized countries are grasping for solutions. He said Americans should expect the price of gasoline to fall, but not dramatically, in coming weeks.

"Fifteen or 20 cents a gallon of relief is not enough to make people feel good about their job prospects or losses on the stock market or our general economic slowdown," he said. (See: Obama releasing 30M barrels from US oil reserves)

The IEA and the White House said they were acting to increase the supply of oil available during the peak summer driving season.

"We are taking this action in response to the ongoing loss of crude oil due to supply disruptions in Libya and other countries and their impact on the global economic recovery," Energy Secretary Steven Chu said.

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# **Nation**

# Mullen sees risk in Obama's Afghanistan withdrawal

nation's top military officer and its top diplomat made clear Thursday that President Barack Obama rejected the advice of his generals in choosing a quicker path to winding down the war in Afghanistan.

The Obama troop withdrawal plan, widely interpreted as marking the beginning of the end of the U.S. combat role in Afghanistan, drew criticism from both sides of the political aisle on Capitol Hill. Some Republicans decried it as undercutting the military mission at a critical stage of the war, while many Democrats called it too timid.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., took a swipe at Obama from the Senate floor, questioning the timing of his troop pullout plan.

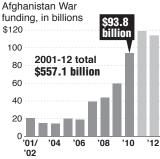
"Just when they are one year away from turning over a battered and broken enemy in both southern and eastern Afghanistan to our Afghan partnersthe president has now decided to deny them the forces that our commanders believe they need to accomplish their objective," McCain said.

Obama announced Wednesday night that he will pull 10,000 troops from Afghanistan by December and another 23,000 by

spoke at New York's Fort Drum to troops and commanders of **U.S.** troops in Afghanistan President Barack

the end of next summer.

Obama wants to draw down U.S. forces in Afghanistan; Troop strength 30,100 By Sept 2012 68,000 '06 **How much is it costing?** 



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publicans pulled out of debt-re-

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"Let me be clear: Tax hikes

government programs.

On Thursday, the president the Army's 10th Mountain Division. Its headquarters staff is in southern Afghanistan and its soldiers have been among the most frequently deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan over the past decade.

Obama, perhaps responding to the flank of criticism from the right, said that he is not pulling home troops "precipitously" or risking the gain they've achieved.

"We're going to do it in a steady way to make sure that the gains that all of you helped to bring about are going to be sustained," he said. "Because of you, we're now taking the fight to the Taliban, instead of the Taliban bringing the fight to us. And because of you, there are signs that the Taliban may be interested in figuring out a political settlement, which ultimately is going to be critical for consolidating that country."

Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the House Armed

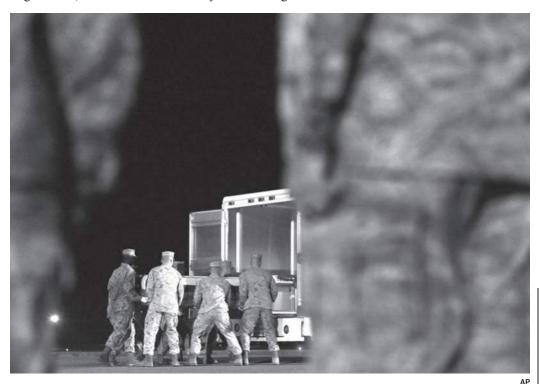
Republicans bail on budget talks, blame Democrats

Services Committee that he supports the Obama plan, although he had recommended a less aggressive drawdown schedule.

Obama's approach adds risk to the military mission, Mullen said. But he added, "It's manageable risk."

(See: French troops to leave Afghanistan on US timeline)

Army Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, said later that he, too, had recommended a more gradual withdrawal—as had Marine Gen. James Mattis, who as commander of U.S. Central Command is Petraeus' immediate boss and overseer of all U.S. military operations in the greater Mideast. Petraeus, appearing before the Senate Intelligence Committee, which is considering his nomination to become CIA director, had a telling exchange with Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich. Levin asked the general whether he would resign if he felt he could not support Obama's decision.



A Marine carry team loads a transfer case containing the remains of Lance Cpl. Jared C. Verbeek into a transfer vehicle Thursday, June 23, 2011 at Dover Air Force Base, Del.

## Boston mob boss was hiding in plain sight

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—As the FBI chased leads on two continents, Boston mob boss James "Whitey" Bulger spent nearly all of his 16 years on the lam in this quiet seaside city, passing himself off as just another elderly retiree, albeit

one who kept a .357 Magnum and more than 100 rounds of ammunition in his modest apartment.

Bulger—the FBI's most-wanted man and a feared underworld figure linked to 19 murders—was

captured Wednesday after one of the biggest manhunts in U.S. been his impeccably groomed girlfriend.

Bulger

Earlier this week, after years of frustration, the FBI put out a series of daytime TV announcements with photos of Bulger's blond live-in companion, Catherine Greig. The announcements pointed out that Greig was known to frequent beauty salons and have her teeth cleaned once a month.

Two days later, the campaign produced a tip that led agents to the two-bedroom apartment three blocks from the Pacific Ocean where Bulger and Greig lived, authorities said. The FBI would not give

any details about the tip.

The 81-year-old boss of South Boston's vicious Winter Hill Gang—a man who authorities say would not hesitate to shoot someone between the eyes—was lured outside the building and captured without

resistance. Greig, 60, was also arrested.

(See: FBI turns to TV to find Whitey Bulger's girlfriend)

Neighbors were stunned to learn they had been living in the same building as the man who was the

model for Jack Nicholson's ruthless crime boss in the 2006 history. His undoing may have Martin Scorsese movie "The Departed.

> The arrest closed one chapter in a case that scandalized the FBI.

> Bulger fled in 1995 after a retired FBI agent who had recruited him as a government informant tipped him off that he was about to be indicted. Soon it was discovered that the Boston FBI had a corrupt relationship with its underworld informants, protecting mob figures for decades and allowing them to commit murders as long as they were supplying useful information.

"Although there are those who have doubted our resolve at times over the years, it has never

wavered," Richard DesLauriers, agent in the charge of the FBI's Boston office, said after Bulger's capture. "We followed every lead. We explored every possibility, and when those leads ran out, we did not sit back and wait for the phone to ring."

While Bulger's capture is the end of a long, frustrating search for the FBI, it could expose the bureau to even more scandal.

(See: Boston mob boss captured near LA after 16 years)

One of Bulger's lieutenants testified in 2002 that Bulger boasted that he had corrupted six FBI agents and more than 20 Boston police officers, keeping them loyal by stuffing envelopes with cash at Christmastime.

"If he starts to talk, there will be some unwelcome accountability on the part of a lot of people inside law enforcement," said retired Massachusetts state police Maj. Tom Duffy. "Let me put it this way: I wouldn't want my pension contingent on what he will say at this point."

On Thursday, more than a dozen FBI agents carried out bags of evidence from the Santa Monica apartment while neighbors and even some tourists from Boston watched. Authorities said they seized a variety of weapons, including the Magnum, and a large amount of cash.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rely and resolve the tax issue."

> White House spokesman Jay Carney quickly obliged, while announcing that the talks were "in abeyance." He said Obama supports a "balanced approach" to debt reduction.

> "I would point that the president supports a balanced approach," Carney said. "He does not support an approach that provides for a \$200,000 tax cut for millionaires and billionaires paid for by a \$6,000 a year hike in expenses and costs for seniors."

Numerous officials have said in recent days that Obama and Boehner would soon take a more public role in the negotiations, as time grows short for

confronting politically vexing questions over taxes and Medicare and other benefit programs.

As a result, it appeared that the day's events marked an eruption of political maneuvering rather than a blow-up that would jeopardize the success of negotiations.

"The goal of these talks was to report our findings back to our respective leaders," Biden said in a statement. "The next phase is in the hands of those leaders, who need to determine the scope of an agreement that can tackle the problem and attract bipartisan support. For now the talks are in abeyance as we await that guidance."

### Cantor, announced he would not attend a planned negotiating session and said it is "time for President Obama to speak clear-

### Report: Bin Laden courier's phone provides leads

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—The New York Times is reporting that a cellphone of Osama bin Laden's trusted courier recovered in the U.S. raid last month that killed both men in Pakistan contained contacts to a militant group that is a longtime asset of Pakistan's intelligence agency. In a story posted on the Times website late Thursday, senior American officials and others briefed on the findings say the discovery indicates bin Laden used the group, Harakat-ul-Mujahedeen (moo-jah-hih-DEEN'), as part of his support network inside Pakistan. It raises questions about whether the group and others helped shelter and support the al-Qaida leader on behalf of Pakistan's spy agency.

### **Feds: Fort Hood massacre** inspired Seattle plot

**SEATTLE** (AP)—The massacre at Fort Hood, Texas, and the ongoing war crimes prosecutions of Washington state soldiers helped inspire a terror plot in which two men planned to attack a military recruiting station in Seattle with grenades and machine guns, according to a federal complaint filed

Thursday. Abu Khalid Abdul-Latif, also known as Joseph Anthony Davis, of Seattle, and Walli Mujahidh, also known as Frederick Domingue Jr., of Los Angeles, were arrested Wednesday night. The FBI ensnared them in a terror sting after they arrived at a warehouse garage to pick up machine guns to use in the attack, authorities said. The weapons had been rendered inoperable by federal agents and posed no risk to the public.

### Former university head jailed in prostitution case

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—Former University of New Mexico President F. Chris Garcia was arrested and jailed Thursday in connection with a multistate, online prostitution ring that authorities say was run by a physics professor from New Jersey. Police said Garcia, 71, and Fairleigh Dickinson professor David Flory, 68, were among seven members of the top echelon of the ring. Six have been arrested, and warrants have been issued for one more, Albuquerque police Chief Ray Schultz said. Investigators said the ring had some 1,400 members, including 200 prostitutes, but there was no indication that any other universities or students were involved.

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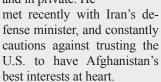
# Asia

# Karzai surrounding himself with anti-US advisers

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)— President Hamid Karzai is increasingly isolated and has surrounded himself with an inner circle of advisers who are urging him to move closer to Iran and Pakistan as the U.S. draws down its role in Af-

ghanistan, several friends and aides tell The Associated Press.

Their advice is echoed in Karzai's anti-West rhetoric, which has heightened both in his public speeches and in private. He



Karzai

Several of Karzai's close friends and advisers now speak of a president whose doors have closed to all but one narrow faction and who refuses to listen to dissenting opinions. They say people allowed to

see the president are vetted by an inner circle of religious conservatives who belong to a nonviolent wing of Hizb-i-Islami, a radical Islamic group whose relentless attacks on American soldiers forced the U.S. to withdraw from bases in

northeastern Kunar and Nuristan provinces.

The group's leader, Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, was once an American ally but has since been declared a terrorist by the United States.

Although Hekmatyar shares the Taliban's goal of an Islamic regime, his men have also fought Taliban militants over the past year, and Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar is said to despise him. When the Taliban ruled Afghanistan from 1996 to 2001, Hekmatyar spent five years in exile in Iran.

Inside Afghanistan's presidential palace, Iran, Pakistan and China are most often referred to as reliable allies, according to Karzai's friends and advisers. Last year, Karzai openly acknowledged taking "bags" of money from Iran to finance his administration.

"A lot of Afghans are very concerned about the direction the country is taking, moving away from the international community... toward a more conservative practice in which the religious people and warlords have more power," Human Rights of Afghanistan Commissioner Nader Nadery said.

"Consistently his aides are pushing him toward Iran and Pakistan," Nadery said. "All those who are managing and controlling his schedule, providing appointments, all see the advantages of breaking with the international community."

Karzai seemed to go out of his way to snub the United States in the days leading up to President Barack Obama's address Wednesday announcing an initial withdrawal of 30,000 U.S. soldiers by next summer.

# World



Syrians refugees pass Turkish military vehicles as they cross the border at a crossing point near the Turkish village of Guvecci in Hatay province, Turkey, Thursday, June 23, 2011.

# Syrian troops push to Turkey border, villagers run

GUVECCI, Turkey (AP)—Syrian troops pushed to the Turkish border Thursday in their sweep against a 3-month-old pro-democracy movement, sending panicked refugees, including children, rushing across the frontier to safe havens in Turkey.

The European Union, meanwhile, announced it was slapping new sanctions on the Syrian regime because of the "gravity of the situation," in which the Syrian opposition says 1,400 people have been killed in a relentless government crackdown. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton warned Syria to pull its troops back from the border.

Syrian soldiers patrolled in military vehicles and on foot around the border village of Khirbet al-Jouz, according to Associated Press journalists who watched their movements from the Turkish side. The Local Coordinating Committees, which track the Syrian protest movement, said residents reported tanks had entered the village and snipers were spotted on rooftops.

Syria has banned foreign journalists and restricted local media, making it nearly impossible to independently confirm the accounts.

More than 11,000 Syrians are housed or seeking shelter in Turkish refugee camps, including 600 who crossed over on Thursday, the Turkish Red Crescent said. The refugees came in a convoy of about 20 minibuses and some rushed on foot across the border, to be met by Turkish soldiers and escorted to nearby camps.

Some refugees glanced behind them as they crossed into Turkey, as though fearful of being chased. Later, another convoy of nine minibuses was seen ferrying refugees to the Turkish camps.

### **Expanding shock waves**

The Syrian crackdown on the uprising against President Bashar rule threatens to destabilize the region

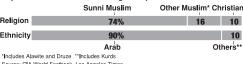
refugee crisis in Turkey, where thousands of Syrian civilians have fled



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The deployment was the closest Syrian troops had come to Turkey since the military operation

in the area began two weeks ago as Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces tried to extinguish any chance the opposition could gain a territorial base for a wider rebellion. The army's main thrust came against the town of Jisr al-Shughour, where armed anti-government resistance flared in early June.

### Thai PM rallies crowds at sensitive protest site

BANGKOK (AP)—Thailand's prime minister rallied thousands of campaign supporters Thursday at the scene of last year's deadly anti-government protests, defending his crackdown on demonstrators there as the best he could do under difficult circumstances

Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva acknowledged the rally's location was symbolic but said it was not intended to stir unrest or division as some of his opponents alleged. More than 90 people died, mostly protesters, in the violence last year, some of the country's worst in 20 years. "Some say we are adding fuel to fire. It's not true," Abhisit told his supporters at the street intersection that was the center of the

protests just over a year ago. "We brought the public here because this Ratchaprasong area, like every inch of Thailand, belongs to all Thais.

"I am here to tell Thailand that from July 3, we will move Thailand forward and restore the international community's confidence in Thailand," he added.

Earlier, Abhisit had said the rally, held just days before the tense nation's July 3 elections, would allow his Democrat Party to tell "the truth" about the two-month protests that paralyzed the heart of this Southeast Asian city and ended in a military crackdown in May 2010. The ensuing chaos included arson that billowed smoke over the Bangkok sky-

line-images replayed on giant television screens for the crowds before Abhisit's 80minute speech.

Some feared new violence, but the rally was peaceful. The opposition Pheu Thai party ordered its members to avoid the intersection where Abhisit spoke, in front of the CentralWorld shopping mall that was one of more than a dozen buildings set ablaze on the chaotic, final day of protests.

One Pheu Thai leader, Nattawut Saikua, said earlier this week there was nothing wrong with Abhisit giving his version of events, "but why does it have to be Ratchaprasong? Because they want to provoke emotional reactions from those who felt pain from the situation."

**ASIA BRIEFS** 

### **Chinese warships cross high** seas off Japan island

international waters off the country's southern island of Okinawa. No territorial violations were claimed by Japan, but the movements are sensitive because Japan and China have a dispute over small islands in the East China Sea. The ministry on Thursday said the Chinese warships were monitored passing from the Pacific Ocean into the East China Sea.

### Bangladesh: Ex-PM's son sentenced over bribes

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—A Bangladesh court Thursday sentenced the fugitive son of former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia to six years in jail for laundering money taken as bribes from two global companies—a verdict that could trigger violent protests by opposition parties. Judge Mohammad Mozammel Hossain

said in his verdict Arafat Rahman was guilty of smuggling more than 200 million takas (\$2.66 TOKYO (AP)—Japan's Defense Ministry said million) to Singapore. The judge also fined Rah-Thursday 11 Chinese warships were spotted in man 190 million takas (\$2.53 million) and asked authorities to get the smuggled money returned.

### **Lawyer: Top court acquits Playboy Indonesia editor**

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Playboy Indonesia's former editor, serving a two-year prison sentence for publishing pictures of scantily clad women, has been acquitted by the Supreme Court, his lawyer said Friday. The long-running case has highlighted the growing militancy of a vocal fringe seeking the implementation of Islamic-based laws in Indonesia, a moderate democracy that is the world's most populous Muslim nation. Erwin Arnada, the former editor of the now defunct magazine, is expected to be released from Jakarta's Cipinang prison on Friday, his lawyer Heriyanto Yang told The Associated Press.

### **WORLD BRIEFS**

### Talks with Israel won't stop Palestinian UN bid

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The Palestinians say they will be coming to the U.N. in September seeking membership as an independent state even if peace negotiations with Israel are underway. Palestinian U.N. envoy Riyad Mansour said the Palestinians are working on three independent tracks - restarting negotiations, completing the institutions for an independent state, and gaining additional recognition for a Palestinian state. "If we succeed in opening the door for negotiations, we're not going to stop from attaining what belongs to us as Palestinians in this General Assembly starting on Sept. 20," he told reporters after the Security Council monthly meeting on the Mideast on Thursday.

### **Mexico president defends** attack on organized crime

MEXICO CITY (AP)—President Felipe Calderon made an impassioned defense of his military assault on organized crime in an unusual public faceoff Thursday with his biggest critics: sometimes

weeping relatives of murder victims who blame the government for the bloodshed. Poet Javier Sicilia, who lost his son to drug violence in March, opened the publicly televised exchange by demanding that Calderon take the military off the streets and apologize to victims for a failed strategy that he and others say have caused more than 35,000 deaths since Calderon took office in late 2006.

### **Greece presses banks.** low-earners in debt crisis

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Greece's beleaguered government said Thursday it will start taxing minimum-wage earners and encourage local banks to help the state delay debt payments for bonds maturing as late as 2015. The announcement came as the government reached a final deal on a euro28 billion (\$40 billion) austerity package with debt inspectors from the European Union and the International Monetary Fund. Getting the new spending cuts, economic reforms and privatizations through parliament next week is a precondition for Greece to get more aid, without which it will default on its massive debts



# Maharlika

# Masons, consulate mark Rizal's 150th birthday

By CLARISSA V. DAVID

REPORTER

he Masons of Emon Lodge No. 179, together with the Philippine Consulate General, commemorated the 150th birth anniversary of Dr. Jose P. Rizal in a simple and brief ceremony on Wednesday.

The ceremony, held at the Consulate office on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe, unveiled a banner depicting the life and works of Rizal as a Mason.

"We [want] people to come and see Rizal's works and know about his life as a mason," said Emon Lodge No. 179 Worshipful Master Isagani Benoza. "We highlighted Rizal as a Mason because not many people know that he was [one]."

Benoza said a reproduction of the original manuscript of Rizal's second novel, El Filibusterismo, was also put on display at the ceremony.

The banner and the manuscript reproduction were added to the photo exhibit at the Consulate to pay tribute to Rizal and other heroes of the Philippine Revolution.

According to Benoza, Rizal was a ippines when Marcelo del Pilar brought of national independence for his be-



Consul General Medardo Macaraig is flanked by the Masons of Emon Lodge 179 during the ceremony commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal at the Consulate office last Wednesday.

Master Mason in Madrid, Spain under the pseudonym Dimasalang.

"Rizal became a Mason in the Phil-

Masonry there," he disclosed

Benoza said Rizal applied the principles of Masonry to attain his goal loved country.

"These basic principles are brotherly love, relief, and truth," he told Saipan Tribune.

This year's observance of Rizal's birth anniversary, Benoza said, will be the start of the collaboration between Emon Lodge No. 179 and the Consulate in commemorating not just Rizal's birth anniversary but also his death anniversary every Dec. 30.

"Being our national hero, Rizal should always be remembered. Even though we're based abroad, Filipinos should still commemorate the birth and death of Rizal wherever they are," added Benoza.

### Rizal's relevance

Consul General Medardo Macaraig stressed the importance of celebrating Rizal's birth anniversary, saying it is an opportunity to remember Rizal's martyrdom and heroism, which helped the country achieve its independence from its colonizers...

"We need to commemorate this occasion, no matter how simple the ceremony is," he said in an interview.

"Rizal continues to be relevant in these modern times through his advocacies that include peaceful reforms and equality of people, regardless of where they come from."

# Medical mission serves 78 San Antonio residents

By CLARISSA V. DAVID

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The Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ 4th Watch held another successful Village-to-Village Medical Mission on June 19.

The event, the church's fifth medical mission, was held at the San Antonio basketball court and attracted a total of 78 residents from neighboring villages who availed of the free services that were offered.

These included facial and full body massages, blood sugar and blood pres-

sure screenings, haircut, eye checkup, and counseling services.

"We were happy that there were still a lot of people who came despite the heavy rains that day," said church spokesperson Ronnie Doca.

He said the medical mission, which was scheduled from 4pm to 7pm, had to be extended for almost an hour since the heavy rains delayed the event.

"We were still unable to provide services to over 20 individuals and we sincerely apologize for that. We encourage them to attend our future medical missions," he told Saipan Tribune.

Doca said they also gave away a gift certificate worth \$150 from Marianas Eye Institute to Norma Arabos. Various giveaways were also available for those who were at the event.

Doca noted that a lot of those who come to their medical mission still inquire as to how much they charge for the services.

"We would like to emphasize to the community that all these services are for free," he said.

Doca thanked all volunteers and sponsors of the medical mission, which include the Northern Marianas College Nursing Club, Marianas Eye Institute, Maranata Christian Store, Brabu Pharmacy, and church members.

"Our medical mission will not be possible without them," he added.

Doca disclosed that Kagman residents will be next in line for these free services as the church plans to conduct its sixth medical mission at the Kagman Community Center on Aug. 13.

"We will not be holding any medical mission in July because we have a lot of lined up activities in our church. We look forward to be of service to our brothers and sisters in Kagman in August," he said.



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The Philippine Consulate General announced the schedule for its One-Saturday or Sunday-a-Month Service for the second half of 2011.

Consul General Medardo Macaraig said their office has successfully conducted these weekend consular services for the past year and a half as several Filipinos have availed of these services.

According to Macaraig, many Filipinos have difficulty going to the Consulate during weekdays because of their work schedules.

"Filipinos in the CNMI have indicated that they would appreciate the continuation of these ser vices," he said.

Macaraig said the Consulate will be open on July 30, Aug. 21, Sept. 24, Oct. 23, Nov. 19, and Dec. 18.

He noted that the Saturday schedules will be in July, September, and November, while the Sunday schedules fall on August, October, and December.

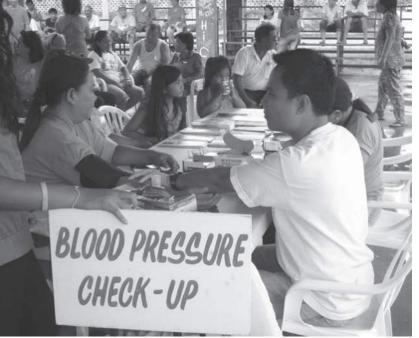
During these weekend consular services, the Consulate will observe office hours from 9am to 4pm without lunch break.

For more information, visit the Consulate website at www.philippinessaipan.org, call 234-1850, fax 234-1849 or email saipanpcg@pticom.com.



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San Antonio residents receive counseling services, which were among the free services offered at the Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ 4th Watch Village-to-Village Medical Mission on June 19.



Northern Marianas College Nursing instructor Hervin Jacinto checks the blood pressure of a woman during the Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ 4th Watch Villageto-Village Medical Mission held at the San Antonio basketball court last June 19.

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ne August morning nearly two decades ago, my mother woke me and put me in a cab. She handed me a jacket. "Baka malamig doon" were among the few words she said. ("It might be cold there.") When I arrived at the Philippines' Ninoy Aquino International Airport with her, my aunt and a family friend, I was introduced to a man I'd never seen. They told me he was my uncle. He held my hand as I boarded an airplane for the first time. It was 1993, and I was 12.

My mother wanted to give me a better life, so she sent me thousands of miles away to live with her parents in America —my grandfather (Lolo in Tagalog) and grandmother (Lola). After I arrived in Mountain View, Calif., in the San Francisco Bay Area, I entered sixth grade and quickly grew to love my new home, family and culture. I discovered a passion for language, though it was hard to learn the difference between formal English and American slang. One of my early memories is of a freckled kid in middle school asking me, "What's up? "I replied, "The sky," and he and a couple of other kids laughed. I won the eighth-grade spelling bee by memorizing words I couldn't properly pronounce. (The winning word was "indefatigable."

One day when I was 16, I rode my bike to the nearby D.M.V. office to get my driver's permit. Some of my friends already had their licenses, so I figured it was time. But when I handed the clerk my green card as proof of U.S. residency, she flipped it around, examining it. "This is fake," she whispered. "Don 't come back here again."

Confused and scared, I pedaled home and confronted *Lolo*. I remember him sitting in the garage, cutting coupons. I dropped my bike and ran over to him, showing him the green card. "Peke ba ito?" I asked in Tagalog. ("Is this fake?" My

grandparents were naturalized American citizens—he worked as a security guard, she as a food server—and they had begun supporting my mother and me financially when I was 3, after my father's wandering eye and inability to properly provide for us led to my parents' separation. Lolo was a proud man, and I saw the shame on his face as he told me he purchased the card, along with other fake documents, for me. "Don't show it to other people," he warned.

I decided then that I could never give anyone reason to doubt I was an American. I convinced myself that if I worked enough, if I achieved enough, I would be rewarded with citizenship. I felt I could earn it.

I've tried. Over the past 14 years, I've graduated from high school and college and built a career as a journalist, interviewing some of the most famous people in the country. On the surface, I've created a good life. I've lived the American dream.

But I am still an undocumented immigrant. And that means living a different kind of reality. It means going about my day in fear of being found out. It means rarely trusting people, even those closest to me, with who I really am. It means keeping my family photos in a shoebox rather than displaying them on shelves in my home, so friends don't ask about them. It means reluctantly, even painfully, doing things I know are wrong and unlawful. And it has meant relying on a sort of 21stcentury underground railroad of supporters, people who took an interest in my future and took risks for me.

Last year I read about four students who walked from Miami to Washington to lobby for the Dream Act, a nearly decade-old immigration bill that would provide a path to legal permanent residency for young people who have been educated in this country. At the risk of deportation—the Obama administration has deported almost 800,000 people in the last two years —they are speaking out. Their courage has inspired me.

There are believed to be 11

million undocumented immigrants in the United States. We're not always who you think we are. Some pick your strawberries or care for your children. Some are in high school or college. And some, it turns out, write news articles you might read. I grew up here. This is my home. Yet even though I think of myself as an American and consider America my country, my country doesn't think of me as one of its own.

My first challenge was the

language. Though I learned English in the Philippines, I wanted to lose my accent. During high school, I spent hours at a time watching television (especially "Frasier," "Home Improvement" and reruns of "The Golden Girls") and movies (from "Goodfellas" to "Anne of Green Gables"), pausing the VHS to try to copy how various characters enunciated their words. At the local library, I read magazines, books and newspapers—anything to learn how to write better. Kathy Dewar, my high-school English teacher, introduced me to journalism. From the moment I wrote my first article for the student paper, I convinced myself that having my name in print-writing in English, interviewing Americans—validated my presence here.

The debates over—illegal aliens-intensified my anxieties. In 1994, only a year after my flight from the Philippines, Gov. Pete Wilson was re-elected in part because of his support for Proposition 187, which prohibited undocumented immigrants from attending public school and accessing other services. (A federal court later found the law unconstitutional.) After my encounter at the D.M.V. in 1997, I grew more aware of anti-immigrant sentiments and stereotypes: they don't want to assimilate, they are a drain on society. They're not talking about me, I would tell myself. I have something to contribute.

To do that, I had to work—and for that, I needed a Social Security number. Fortunately, my grandfather had already managed to get one for me. Lolo had always taken care of everyone

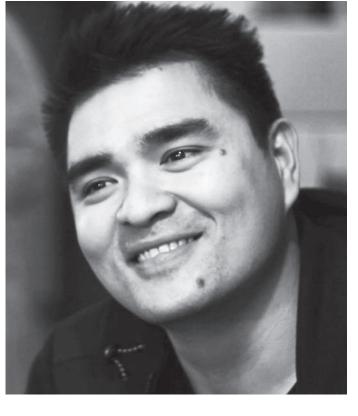
in the family. He and my grandmother emigrated legally in 1984 from Zambales, a province in the Philippines of rice fields and bamboo houses, following Lolo's sister, who married a Filipino-American serving in the American military. She petitioned for her brother and his wife to join her. When they got here, Lolo petitioned for his two children—my mother and her younger brother to follow them. But instead of mentioning that my mother was a married woman, he listed her as single. Legal residents can't petition for their married children. Besides, Lolo didn't care for my father. He didn't want him coming here too.

But soon Lolo grew nervous that the immigration authorities reviewing the petition would discover my mother was married, thus derailing not only her chances of coming here but those of my uncle as well. So he withdrew her petition. After my uncle came to America legally in 1991, Lolo tried to get my mother here through a tourist visa, but she wasn't able to obtain one. That's when she decided to send me. My mother told me later that she figured she would follow me soon. She never did.

The "uncle" who brought me here turned out to be a coyote, not a relative, my grandfather later explained. Lolo scraped together enough money-I eventually learned it was \$4,500, a huge sum for him—to pay him to smuggle me here under a fake name and fake passport. (I never saw the passport again after the flight and have always assumed that the coyote kept it.) After I arrived in America, Lolo obtained a new fake Filipino passport, in my real name this time, adorned with a fake student visa, in addition to the fraudulent green card.

Using the fake passport, we went to the local Social Security Administration office and applied for a Social Security number and card. It was, I remember, a quick visit. When the card came in the mail, it had my full, real name, but it also clearly stated: "Valid for work only with I.N.S. authorization."

When I began looking for



work, a short time after the D.M.V. incident, my grandfather and I took the Social Security card to Kinko's, where he covered the "I.N.S. authorization" text with a sliver of white tape. We then made photocopies of the card. At a glance, at least, the copies would look like copies of a regular, unrestricted Social Security card.

Lolo always imagined I would work the kind of low-paying jobs that undocumented people often take. (Once I married an American, he said, I would get my real papers, and everything would be fine.) But even menial jobs require documents, so he and I hoped the doctored card would work for now. The more documents I had, he said, the better.

While in high school, I worked part time at Subway, then at the front desk of the local Y.M.C.A., then at a tennis club, until I landed an unpaid internship at *The Mountain View Voice*, my hometown newspaper. First I brought coffee and helped around the office; eventually I began covering

city-hall meetings and other assignments for pay.

For more than a decade of getting part-time and full-time jobs, employers have rarely asked to check my original Social Security card. When they did, I showed the photocopied version, which they accepted. Over time, I also began checking the citizenship box on my federal I-9 employment eligibility forms. (Claiming full citizenship was actually easier than declaring permanent resident—green card—status, which would have required me to provide an alien registration number.)

This deceit never got easier. The more I did it, the more I felt like an impostor, the more guilt I carried—and the more I worried that I would get caught. But I kept doing it. I needed to live and survive on my own, and I decided this was the way.

Mountain View High School became my second home. I was elected to represent my school at school-board meetings, which gave me the chance to meet and

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### **MY LIFE**

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befriend Rich Fischer, the superintendent for our school district. I joined the speech and debate team, acted in school plays and eventually became co-editor of *The Oracle*, the student newspaper. That drew the attention of my principal, Pat Hyland. "You're at school just as much as I am," she told me. Pat and Rich would soon become mentors, and over time, almost surrogate parents for me.

After a choir rehearsal during my junior year, Jill Denny, the choir director, told me she was considering a Japan trip for our singing group. I told her I couldn't afford it, but she said we'd figure out a way. I hesitated, and then decided to tell her the truth. "It's not really the money," I remember saying. "I don't have the right passport." When she assured me we'd get the proper documents, I finally told her. "I can 't get the right passport," I said. "I'm not supposed to be here."

She understood. So the choir toured Hawaii instead, with me in tow. (Mrs. Denny and I spoke a couple of months ago, and she told me she hadn't wanted to leave any student behind.)

Later that school year, my history class watched a documentary on Harvey Milk, the openly gay San Francisco city official who was assassinated. This was 1999, just six months after Matthew Shepard's body was found tied to a fence in Wyoming. During the discussion, I raised my hand and said something like: "I'm sorry Harvey Milk got killed for being gay. ...I've been meaning to say this. ...I'm gay."

I hadn't planned on coming out that morning, though I had known that I was gay for several years. With that announcement, I became the only openly gay student at school, and it caused turmoil with my grandparents. Lolo kicked me out of the house for a few weeks. Though we eventually reconciled, I had disappointed him on two fronts. First, as a Catholic, he considered homosexuality a sin and was embarrassed about having "ang apo na bakla" ("a grandson who is gay") Even worse, I was making matters more difficult for myself, he said. I needed to marry an American woman in order to gain a green card.

Tough as it was, coming out about being gay seemed less daunting than coming out about my legal status. I kept my other secret mostly hidden.

While my classmates awaited their college acceptance letters, I hoped to get a full-time job at *The Mountain View Voice* after graduation. It's not that I didn't want to go to college, but I couldn't apply for state and federal financial aid. Without that, my family couldn't afford to send me.

But when I finally told Pat and Rich about my immigration "problem"—as we called it from then on—they helped me look for a solution. At first, they even wondered if one of them

could adopt me and fix the situation that way, but a lawyer Rich consulted told him it wouldn't change my legal status because I was too old. Eventually they connected me to a new scholarship fund for high-potential students who were usually the first in their families to attend college. Most important, the fund was not concerned with immigration status. I was among the first recipients, with the scholarship covering tuition, lodging, books and other expenses for my studies at San Francisco State University.

As a college freshman, I found a job working part time at The San Francisco Chronicle, where I sorted mail and wrote some freelance articles. My ambition was to get a reporting job, so I embarked on a series of internships. First I landed at *The* Philadelphia Daily News, in the summer of 2001, where I covered a drive-by shooting and the wedding of the 76ers star Allen Iverson. Using those articles, I applied to *The Seattle Times* and got an internship for the following summer.

But then my lack of proper documents became a problem again. The Times' recruiter, Pat Foote, asked all incoming interns to bring certain paperwork on their first day: a birth certificate, or a passport, or a driver's license plus an original Social Security card. I panicked, thinking my documents wouldn't pass muster. So before starting the job, I called Pat and told her about my legal status. After consulting with management, she called me back with the answer I feared: I couldn't do the internship.

This was devastating. What good was college if I couldn't then pursue the career I wanted? I decided then that if I was to succeed in a profession that is all about truth-telling, I couldn't tell the truth about myself.

After this episode, Jim Strand, the venture capitalist who sponsored my scholarship, offered to pay for an immigration lawyer. Rich and I went to meet her in San Francisco's financial district.

I was hopeful. This was in early 2002, shortly after Senators Orrin Hatch, the Utah Republican, and Dick Durbin, the Illinois Democrat, introduced the Dream Act—Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors. It seemed like the legislative version of what I'd told myself: If I work hard and contribute, things will work out.

But the meeting left me crushed. My only solution, the lawyer said, was to go back to the Philippines and accept a 10-year ban before I could apply to return legally.

If Rich was discouraged, he hid it well. "Put this problem on a shelf," he told me. "Compartmentalize it. Keep going."

And I did. For the summer of 2003, I applied for internships across the country. Several newspapers, including *The Wall Street Journal, The Boston Globe* and *The Chicago Tribune*, expressed interest. But when *The Washington Post* offered me a spot, I knew where I would go. And this time, I had no intention of acknowledging

my "problem."

The *Post* internship posed a tricky obstacle: It required a driver's license. (After my close call at the California D.M.V., I'd never gotten one.) So I spent an afternoon at The Mountain View Public Library, studying various states' requirements. Oregon was among the most welcoming—and it was just a few hours' drive north.

Again, my support network came through. A friend's father lived in Portland, and he allowed me to use his address as proof of residency. Pat, Rich and Rich's longtime assistant, Mary Moore, sent letters to me at that address. Rich taught me how to do three-point turns in a parking lot, and a friend accompanied me to Portland.

The license meant everything to me—it would let me drive, fly and work. But my grandparents worried about the Portland trip and the Washington internship. While Lola offered daily prayers so that I would not get caught, Lolo told me that I was dreaming too big, risking too much.

I was determined to pursue my ambitions. I was 22, I told them, responsible for my own actions. But this was different from Lolo's driving a confused teenager to Kinko's. I knew what I was doing now, and I knew it wasn't right. But what was I supposed to do?

I was paying state and federal taxes, but I was using an invalid Social Security card and writing false information on my employment forms. But that seemed better than depending on my grandparents or on Pat, Rich and Jim—or returning to a country I barely remembered. I convinced myself all would be O.K. if I lived up to the qualities of a "citizen": hard work, self-reliance, love of my country.

At the D.M.V. in Portland, I arrived with my photocopied Social Security card, my college I.D., a pay stub from The San Francisco Chronicle and my proof of state residence the letters to the Portland address that my support network had sent. It worked. My license, issued in 2003, was set to expire eight years later, on my 30th birthday, on Feb. 3, 2011. I had eight years to succeed professionally, and to hope that some sort of immigration reform would pass in the meantime and allow me to stay.

It seemed like all the time in the world.

My summer in Washington was exhilarating. I was intimidated to be in a major newsroom but was assigned a mentor-Peter Perl, a veteran magazine writer—to help me navigate it. A few weeks into the internship, he printed out one of my articles, about a guy who recovered a long-lost wallet, circled the first two paragraphs and left it on my desk. "Great eve for details—awesome!" he wrote. Though I didn't know it then, Peter would become one more member of my network.

At the end of the summer, I returned to *The San Francisco Chronicle*. My plan was to finish school—I was now a

senior—while I worked for *The Chronicle* as a reporter for the city desk. But when *The Post* beckoned again, offering me a full-time, two-year paid internship that I could start when I graduated in June 2004, it was too tempting to pass up. I moved back to Washington.

About four months into my job as a reporter for *The Post*, I began feeling increasingly paranoid, as if I had "illegal immigrant" tattooed on my forehead—and in Washington, of all places, where the debates over immigration seemed neverending. I was so eager to prove myself that I feared I was annoying some colleagues and editors—and worried that any one of these professional journalists could discover my secret. The anxiety was nearly paralyzing. I decided I had to tell one of the higher-ups about my situation. I turned to Peter.

By this time, Peter, who still works at *The Post*, had become part of management as the paper's director of newsroom training and professional development. One afternoon in late October, we walked a couple of blocks to Lafayette Square, across from the White House. Over some 20 minutes, sitting on a bench, I told him everything: the Social Security card, the driver's license, Pat and Rich, my family.

Peter was shocked. "I understand you 100 times better now," he said. He told me that I had done the right thing by telling him, and that it was now our shared problem. He said he didn't want to do anything about it just yet. I had just been hired, he said, and I needed to prove myself. "When you've done enough," he said, "we'll tell Don and Len together. (Don Graham is the chairman of The Washington Post Company; Leonard Downie Jr. was then the paper's executive editor.) A month later, I spent my first Thanksgiving in Washington with Peter and his family.

In the five years that followed, I did my best to "do enough." I was promoted to staff writer, reported on video-game culture, wrote a series on Washington's H.I.V./AIDS epidemic and covered the role of technology and social media in the 2008 presidential race. I visited the White House, where I interviewed senior aides and covered a state dinner—and gave the Secret Service the Social Security number I obtained with false documents.

I did my best to steer clear of reporting on immigration policy but couldn't always avoid it. On two occasions, I wrote about Hillary Clinton's position on driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants. I also wrote an article about Senator Mel Martinez of Florida, then the chairman of the Republican National Committee, who was defending his party's stance toward Latinos after only one Republican presidential candidate-John McCain, the coauthor of a failed immigration bill—agreed to participate in a debate sponsored by Univision, the Spanish-language network.

It was an odd sort of dance: I

was trying to stand out in a highly competitive newsroom, yet I was terrified that if I stood out too much, I'd invite unwanted scrutiny. I tried to compartmentalize my fears, distract myself by reporting on the lives of other people, but there was no escaping the central conflict in my life. Maintaining a deception for so long distorts your sense of self. You start wondering who you've become, and why.

In April 2008, I was part of a *Post* team that won a Pulitzer Prize for the paper's coverage of the Virginia Tech shootings a year earlier. Lolo died a year earlier, so it was Lola who called me the day of the announcement. The first thing she said was, "Anong mangyayari kung malaman ng mga tao?"

What will happen if people find out?

I couldn't say anything. After we got off the phone, I rushed to the bathroom on the fourth floor of the newsroom, sat down on the toilet and cried.

In the summer of 2009, without ever having had that follow-up talk with top *Post* management, I left the paper and moved to New York to join *The Huffington Post*. I met Arianna Huffington at a Washington Press Club Foundation dinner I was covering for *The Post* two years earlier, and she later recruited me to join her news site. I wanted to learn more about Web publishing, and I thought the new job would provide a useful education.

Still, I was apprehensive about the move: many companies were already using E-Verify, a program set up by the Department of Homeland Security that checks if prospective employees are eligible to work, and I didn't know if my new employer was among them. But I'd been able to get jobs in other newsrooms, I figured, so I filled out the paperwork as usual and succeeded in landing on the payroll.

While I worked at *The Huff-ington Post*, other opportunities emerged. My H.I.V./AIDS series became a documentary film called *The Other City*, which opened at the Tribeca Film Festival last year and was broadcast on Showtime. I began writing for magazines and landed a dream assignment: profiling Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg for *The New Yorker*.

The more I achieved, the more scared and depressed I became. I was proud of my work, but there was always a cloud hanging over it, over me. My old eight-year deadline—the expiration of my Oregon driver's license—was approaching.

After slightly less than a year, I decided to leave The Huffington Post. In part, this was because I wanted to promote the documentary and write a book about online culture—or so I told my friends. But the real reason was, after so many years of trying to be a part of the system, of focusing all my energy on my professional life, I learned that no amount of professional success would solve my problem or ease the sense of loss and displacement I felt. I lied to a friend about why I couldn't

take a weekend trip to Mexico. Another time I concocted an excuse for why I couldn't go on an all-expenses-paid trip to Switzerland. I have been unwilling, for years, to be in a long-term relationship because I never wanted anyone to get too close and ask too many questions. All the while, Lola's question was stuck in my head: What will happen if people find out?

Early this year, just two weeks before my 30th birthday, I won a small reprieve: I obtained a driver's license in the state of Washington. The license is valid until 2016. This offered me five more years of acceptable identification—but also five more years of fear, of lying to people I respect and institutions that trusted me, of running away from who I am.

I'm done running. I'm exhausted. I don't want that life anymore.

So I've decided to come forward, own up to what I've done, and tell my story to the best of my recollection. I've reached out to former bosses and employers and apologized for misleading them—a mix of humiliation and liberation coming with each disclosure. All the people mentioned in this article gave me permission to use their names. I've also talked to family and friends about my situation and am working with legal counsel to review my options. I don't know what the consequences will be of telling my story.

I do know that I am grateful to my grandparents, my Lolo and Lola, for giving me the chance for a better life. I'm also grateful to my other family—the support network I found here in America—for encouraging me to pursue my dreams.

It's been almost 18 years since I've seen my mother. Early on, I was mad at her for putting me in this position, and then mad at myself for being angry and ungrateful. By the time I got to college, we rarely spoke by phone. It became too painful; after a while it was easier to just send money to help support her and my two half-siblings. My sister, almost 2 years old when I left, is almost 20 now. I've never met my 14-year-old brother. I would love to see them.

Not long ago, I called my mother. I wanted to fill the gaps in my memory about that August morning so many years ago. We had never discussed it. Part of me wanted to shove the memory aside, but to write this article and face the facts of my life, I needed more details. Did I cry? Did she? Did we kiss goodbye?

My mother told me I was excited about meeting a stewardess, about getting on a plane. She also reminded me of the one piece of advice she gave me for blending in: If anyone asked why I was coming to America, I should say I was going to Disneyland.

Jose Antonio Vargas is a former reporter for The Washington Post and shared a Pulitzer Prize for coverage of the Virginia Tech shootings. He founded Define American, which seeks to change the conversation on immigration reform. SAIPAN TRIBUNE SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2011 **15** 

# Maharlika – PinoyStyle

# Stef Prescott is sweet no more

# Luis keeps mouth shut about Jen

uis Manzano would rather not comment on the talk that Jennylyn Mercado foots the bill in their dates

"Anything to do with Jen and I or anyone else I'd rather keep my mouth shut," Luis says. "I would not use it for publicity." I clarified the issue with Jennylyn as well. "Luis and I just laugh about that," Jen says. "We don't know where that chismis came from. Parang 'di naman nila alam ang

sinasabi nila at gusto lang kaming siraan ni Luis. Nakakahiya naman sa pamilya ni Luis na respetado lahat."



tleman enough to know that love requires not just full emotional investment but financial investment, too. Being with Jen should always be time and money well-spent for him.

Manzano

### Not ready

I saw Roxanne Guinoo and her hubby at Joey G's "Side Ko Lang" concert at the Music Museum. Doesn't she have plans of



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going back to show biz?

"Saka na when my baby turns 1 year old," she said. "Grane is now 9 months old. I enjoy being a hands-on mom."

### **Private wedding**

Say Alonzo finally said "I do" to businessman Ryan Tordesillas last June 11 at Our Lady of

Newlyweds Say Alonzo and Ryan Tordesillas.

Lourdes Parish in Tagaytay. The modern romantic fairy talethemed reception was held at Ville Sommet. The cute couple kept it simple and intimate.

"Even if I'm from show biz, I didn't allow any TV coverage," said the bride. "It's out of respect for my husband's family na very private. But my closest friends in the biz were present, like Sam Milby, Ara Mina, IC Mendoza, LJ Reyes, Kian Kazemi and Chariz Solomon."

Say's fave moment was when she and Ryan did a duet of "I've Had The Time of My Life" from the movie "Dirty Dancing."

"Everyone had a blast," she said. "So we extended the party for two hours. Though there were budget constraints, we found creative ways to bring our imagination to life."



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Stef Prescott is the latest Kapuso star to shed her sweet image via the cover of a men's mag. But she's not ready for a complete overhaul just yet.

"Deciding was hard, but in the end I really wanted to do it," she said of "going sexy" for the pictorial. "I had only two weeks to prepare." She went on a crash diet and did a lot of walking and jogging.

When the magazine came out, her American dad Paul and half-brother Todd congratulated her on Facebook. Her Filipino mom Marisa is always supportive, but is Stef ready to go bold onscreen?

"Philippine TV is still conservative so I won't be doing anything out of my comfort zone anytime soon," Stef said. "As for the movies ... I'm not going all the way."

She sees nothing wrong with bed scenes, she clarified, "for as long as I don't have to show any body part."

On her current GMA 7 series, "Captain Barbell," she completely altered her look, too.

"I sport full bangs here and wear a cat suit that shows a little cleavage. Even my friends did not recognize me," Stef noted. "I play a bad girl, Eva, sidekick of Christopher de Leon's character."

That's the nemesis of Richard Gutierrez's Captain Barbell, but



she thinks the actor is a dreamboat. "It's a pleasure working with him," she said. "For a big star, he's very down-to-earth. We laugh a lot on the set."

### **BF** material

Chard is on top of her short list of guys who are "boyfriend material," but does she think his mom, Annabelle Rama, is good for a mother-in-law? "I admire Tita Annabelle," Stef said, a little off the mark. "She's an amazing mom and manager."

Among local stars, she picks Solenn Heussaff and Aljur Abrenica as the sexiest. Stef explained: "Solenn's eyes are sultry and she's got fierce curves. Aljur was my batch mate in 'Starstruck' and I saw his development from a totoy (kid) to a man. He's hot!"

Clearly, Stef, who straddles American and Filipino cultures, isn't shy about expressing her views. She shared her opinions on the moves to pass a divorce law in the Philippines.

"I think divorce should be an option," she said. "But Filipinos are very pious and regard marriage as a sacrament. I myself value the sanctity of marriage, but people make mistakes and should be allowed to pursue their happiness."

# The nerve-wracking audition: 'Don't call us, we'll call you'

f you've seen my audition for "Miss Saigon," it looks like one enjoyable ride, complete with getting autographs from the creators of the show. A quick run of "Sun and Moon," plus a snippet of "Movie in My Mind," and then poof!—off I went

But anyone who has ever been through it knows that auditions do not ever go this way.

Truth is, auditions can vary, and as an actor, I never know what the casting director, producer or director of a certain project is looking for. Do they want someone my age? Younger? Older? Sassy? Sweet? Do they want me to play hardball? Do they want me to be a simpering, sobbing waif?

Even after "Miss Saigon" I've had to audition and sit in a room along with other womenhoping for a chance at a part, whether it's for TV or film. It's always nerve-wracking, as one's turn to face the panel comes.

First time

My first audition came at age 6, for Repertory Philippines' production of "The King and I," and it was for that terror of a director, Zenaida Amador. It worked for me that I had absolutely no idea who she was, so I feared neither her temper nor the decibel level of her angry voice.

I stood up on stage at the Insular Life Auditorium in Makati, sang a rehearsed version of "Do Re Mi" from "Sound of Music," and recited my girl scout oath (Amador asked for a poem; I didn't know any). I got in, based perhaps on a little chutzpah, and a loud voice.

The next big audition was for "Annie." I had a major allergy attack that day, which made my eyelids look bee-stung. But I got up on stage anyway and sang "Tomorrow." Once I got home, I raced up the stairs and shouted to no one in particular that I got the part.

Fast forward to "Miss Saigon." Again I was clueless about who the creators and producer of this new show were (Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schönberg, and Cameron Mackintosh, respectively).

> However, I was thankful to be in the company of dedicated people, for without Jaime del Mundo clueing me to Eponine's anthem "On My Own" and lending me a cassette tape of "Les Misérables," I don't think I would've been prepared enough for

> It was indeed an experience. The audition's first day in Manila to the final day in London spanned over a month, with three sessions at the Cultural Center of the Philippines, three sessions at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane, and an hour or so of coaching with Martin Koch, musical director, at the CML offices.

I got to learn four songs in Manila, and two more in London. I even got to witness Keith Burns' hearing that he had gotten cast as Thuy after he and I sang together on stage. It was

very exciting! Right then, I wondered just how far my little journey would take me, and how it would end. Well, we all know how everything turned out (yay!).

### **Voice-overs**

Auditioning for a voice-over part is a little different, as one cannot depend on one's looks at all. In trying out for "Jasmine" (and "Mulan" later on), the creators of the films needed to hear only my voice, completely disregarding my looks or my sense of style (which happened to absent itself from me that day, by the way).

Alan Menken and Tim Rice (composer and lyricist) and David Friedman (musical supervisor) all bowed their heads while I sang

"Part of Your World" from "The Little Mermaid." It was liberating, to be honest. I could just totally focus on my singing and not worry if my belly was hanging out or if my makeup was just right.

For "Mulan," I sent in a tape of my voice sung to a track made by Ryan Cayabyab.

I've been fortunate, but I've also had my share of rejections ("Don't call us, we'll call you"). I've not always gotten the parts I tried out for, for whatever reason ("Not the right type," "not the right voice," "looks too young," "looks too old," "just not what we're looking for").

Just last week I auditioned for a part on a TV show (before anyone gets excited, no, not for "Glee," but for another show I'm equally obsessed about). My agent then told me that production is going in another direction for that role. That's cool.

Chances are that, for as long as I'm in this business, I'll still be required to put myself out there, preparing my script pages, running stuff in my head, and hoping for the best.

### Thank you...

To Bryan Andes and his kindergarten class at PS 212 for a wonderful afternoon!

Public School 212, in the heart of midtown Manhattan, has something unique and special happening as part of their social studies curriculum: theater. Many professionals who work or have worked in the theater pay a visit to the students. The kids then ask questions, act out a scene from a show that a resource person has done. and sing a song directly related to the visitor. On my visit, the kids performed a scene from "Aladdin," and we all sang "A Whole New World" as part of studies on the composer Alan Menken.

Previous visitors have been actors Hugh Jackman, Susan Sarandon, Sutton Foster, Jonathan Freeman, composers Stephen Schwartz and Alan Menken and director Harold Prince. It's a great way to get kids interested in and committed to the arts.



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# Maharlika – Opinyon

### **EDITORIAL**

### **Ever relevant**

rowned with the words "Republika ng Pilipinas" and accompanied by a large number "1," Jose Rizal's unmistakable profile graces the Philippine one-peso coin. This isn't a coincidence. That Rizal has retained his place on the Philippine peso instead of being replaced by another, later heroic figure, speaks to Rizal's continued popularity—and ultimately his relevance after 150 years.

The truth is that it is virtually impossible to study Rizal's life and not be amazed, impossible to look upon the man and not find a hero. Rizal represents what we to this day consider the ideal in the Filipino.

From Calamba to the world, Rizal represented the best we had to offer. He was well-educated and well-traveled. He was an intellectual first and a romantic always, both a servant and a patriot. Columnist Conrado de Quiros got it right when he wrote: "The guy was the original 'serve the people' person. Probably more remarkable than that Rizal was a certifiable genius was that he put that genius to work for his country."

What made Rizal stand apart from other good men was that he had every opportunity to change his mind, to avoid the harsh fate of a subversive. He could have merely been mediocre, or selfish, or even craven. He could have been just like anyone else. But Rizal chose the difficult path. He understood that his manifold gifts meant a necessary sacrifice, his well-rounded life meant a singular purpose and his many travels meant an eventual, inexorable journey home. He could have chosen to live and flee instead of to love and die.

"Each time Rizal tried to excel—and he did so routinely, writing, painting, treating the sick, philosophizing, loving, becoming the first true-blue Malay Renaissance man—he did not merely raise himself, he swung at the foundations of Spanish rule," De Quiros wrote. "And it's not as though Rizal himself was oblivious to the significance of what he was doing." And knowing the fate that awaited him, Rizal came home anyway.

This then is why Rizal remains our heroic ideal. Here was a Filipino given nearly everything we dream of—comfort, talent, intelligence, achievement—and allowed everything we seek—education, travels, friends and lovers—and instead of staying away and keeping all he had, he chose to essentially give it all up not because of what it did for him but for what it did for all Filipinos everywhere. He could have said "no" when asked to make a fateful choice. Knowing all this, Rizal still said "yes."

He said it with his actions early on that morning in Bagumbayan—followed by what sounded like a clap of thunder—and in the process taught us to say it as well. We who know of his story say yes as well, because as we grow older, we understand that we make the same choices when we remember him. It is not because he is on our coins or stands vigil in front of our schools. Jose Rizal is ever heroic and always relevant because we say so, then, now and always.

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# Lessons in heroism

ver the weekend, P-Noy presided over the unveiling of a towering brass monument to Jose Rizal in Calamba, Laguna, the tallest cast statue of him in this country or the world. It was Rizal's 150th birth anniversary. For the occasion, P-Noy asked his countrymen to emulate the national hero by hewing to the straight path, the *matuwid na daan*.

As is his wont, and strength, he delivered his remarks in Filipino. Translated into English, he said: "Faced with many crossroads, from his time as a young man up to the time he became the hero who gave up his life for his Motherland, Rizal never strayed from the straight path. Not everyone is called to offer his life for his country, but for most of us, heroism can be measured in the crossroads we face every day. Like Rizal, we can always embrace the *matuwid na daan*."

It's not a bad idea. I've dwelt on the same point on many occasions in the past: The heroic choices in life, the character-defining moments in life do not always take the form of one huge life-and-death decision. They invariably take the form of small decisions at various crossroads that accumulate into the path one has taken in life. You turn hero or heel over time, not overnight with a dramatic choice to die for your country or not.

It's not a bad idea, but it lacks a sense of proportion. Even if you look at heroism as a lifelong series of choices rather than one single "ang mamatay nang dahil sa iyo" moment, simply choosing to hew to the matuwid na daan doesn't quite capture the essence of Rizal's life, the grandeur of Rizal's heroism. Or Rizal's matuwid na daan was a superhighway compared to the side street its current version suggests. Government itself would do well to understand it and learn from it.

First off, the corruption Rizal saw and fought against was much broader than the mere theft of money. It was also the lash of the whip the indio was being subjected to, denied the most basic freedoms, reduced to a beast of burden. It was also the ignorance and superstition the indio was being shrouded with,

denied education and the Spanish language, conscripted to obedience with threats of corporal and spiritual punishment. It was also the hypocrisy and warped values the indio was being regaled with, pomp and finery replacing honesty and decency, form and ritual replacing truth and justice. You can't get more corrupt than that.

So it was then, so it is now. The corruption particularly during Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's time wasn't just about the theft of money. It was about the theft of life,

the kind of life Rizal envisioned. It was about the theft of freedom, the theft of knowledge, the theft of right and wrong. Government's anti-corruption campaign can't be just about punishing those who pillaged the country, it should be about punishing those who ravaged it.

Second off, Rizal didn't just see the corruption, he fought it. He was a fighter. For which he paid the steepest price of all.

That should dispel that idiotic exhortation we keep hearing all the time about the need to become more "positive" or "constructive" or "forward-looking" by no longer railing against wrongdoers and wrongdoing, by simply doing the right thing. In fact you need both. You need to raze wrongdoing before you can build "right-doing" in its place. You need to fight lying, cheating and stealing before you can put freedom, truth and justice in their place.

You can't have a more positive figure than Rizal. But you can't have a more "negative" one as well than him, if by that is meant that he negated with every pore of his being and with every ounce of his genius the injustice and oppression of his time and place. He was a builder of dreams, but he was also a destroyer of nightmares. He was a doer, but he was also an "undoer."

So it was then, so it is now. Government can't just keep exhorting people to hew to the straight path, it has to show it's the only path. The other ones lead



There's The Rub

By CONRADO DE QUIROS

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

only to perdition. The crooked ones lead only to punishment. You do wrong, you pay the price.

And finally, Rizal's *matuwid* na daan was never the straight and narrow, it was always the straight and wide. Rizal was nothing if not a man of breathtaking vision and imagination. He saw more than his contemporaries. He did more than his contemporaries. Like George Bernard Shaw (he is the original author of the line, not JFK), Rizal might very well have said, "Some men see things as

they are and say why, I dream of things that never were and say why not."

In the end, Rizal didn't just invent stories, he invented a people. Before him there were only indios, after Rizal there were Filipinos.

So it was then, so it is now. Or ought to be. Rizal's heroism was about dreaming things that never were, doing things that hadn't been done before. It was about striding boldly to build new worlds, not practicing abstemiousness and self-abnegation as hewing to the straight and narrow suggests. It's a virtual command for a government that doesn't just labor under Rizal's shadow but under the shadow of the "impossible dream," the dream dreamt by P-Noy's own parents.

Taking the *matuwid na daan* can't just mean making the theft of monies less possible, it can, and must, mean making the "impossible dream" of Edsa more possible. It can't just mean making government a little more efficient, it can, and must, mean making People Power a lot more powerful. It can't just mean that government ought to be more realistic, which is just seeing things that are and not even bothering to ask why, it must mean that government should be more idealistic, or start envisioning things that haven't yet been and ask why not.

That is the only way history might record that before P-Noy there were only men, after P-Noy there were gods.

### Love in the time of revolution

he fifth edition of "History of the Filipino People" by Teodoro A. Agoncillo and Milagros C. Guerrero was the last that came with "readings" consisting of primary source material. To keep the price of the textbook low, Agoncillo agreed to delete the readings from succeeding editions. Having gone over many different textbooks on Philippine history, I realize that these try as best as possible to cover the significant events over many centuries that have to be read or covered by students within the limited time of one school year. It is unfortunate that we cannot lower the price of books in the Philippines and improve the quality of books because publishers in the Philippines are not allowed to import cheaper and better paper to protect inferior Philippine-made paper. Now that's protectionism at its worst.

Philippine books produced abroad are so heavily taxed when they enter the country that it obliterates any savings made. In principle, imported books should not be subject to tax because they contribute to the improvement of the Filipino mind and to the development of the nation, but our Department of Finance needs to be convinced of this.

Anyone who has mailed a package of books to himself from abroad will be charged VAT at the customs section in the post office even if the books are for personal use. In many cases these are used books or remainders bought cheaply in the US but they are charged for VAT based on the book cover price by the wise guys in the post office. If you want to avail yourself of the book tax exemption, you need a piece of paper from the Department of Finance which is a hassle to get.

If better textbooks can be produced in a cheaper way, perhaps authors like Agoncillo could put in the very details that bring history to life and make learning relevant and enjoyable. Over the years I have gathered a lot of anecdotes that make our heroes human again after being fossilized in monuments and classroom history. Then there are other heroes

who are not so well known but are mentioned in chatty works, like Jose M. Alejandrino's "The Price of Freedom," translated from the original Spanish "La Senda del Sacrificio" and published in 1949.

Alejandrino studied in Belgium and knew Rizal, but I won't inflict another Rizal column on you today and focus instead on an obscure figure of the Filipino-American War, Flaviano Yengko, whom Alejandrino met in Cavite in 1896. Yengko was a member

of Emilio Aguinaldo's staff who stood out because "he was dressed in an elegant woolen suit, neat and correct." Alejandrino asked who he was and got this love story:

"He was a young student from Manila whom the revolution had caught in Kabite. General Yengko, in the beginning, did not want to take part in the fight. He had, however, for a rival another young man who had distinguished himself with his serenity and energy in more than one furious battle. The father of the young woman, who must be a patriot, was inclined toward Yengko's young rival. To make his daughter make up her mind he used to tell her, 'What can you expect from a dude like him (Yengko) who does not know anything but to dress himself like a woman and is incapable of picking up a gun and fighting like a man for our cause?' The words of the father reached the ears of Yengko, and inasmuch as he was a man of deep honor, he decided to show that the father was completely wrong in his conception of him. From then on there took place a real contest between the two rivals to perform the most courageous acts. Yengko, in the manner of the brave Paladins which the French poets sung in the war of roses and laces, joined the roughest combats, neatly dressed and even perfumed, receiving unfortunately in one of those battles a mortal wound.



Looking Back

By AMBETH OCAMPO
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

"His heroism was compensated, however, because the father, recognizing the wrong conception he had of General Yengko, permitted his daughter to nurse him and to render sweet the last hours of that hero, but the tender solicitude of his sweetheart failed to save his precious life from death. Yengko died with the satisfaction of a reciprocated love and the glory of having fought for his country and his lady love."

The story, aside from the tragic

end, could have been the germ of the famous prewar zarzuela "Walang Sugat" about a revolucionario who hears that his sweetheart is to marry someone else due to his long absence and parental pressure for a better match. The revolucionario disrupts the wedding by arriving in the church on a stretcher, his wounds in bandages, and asking that he be allowed to wed before he dies. After some hesitation the bridegroom agrees, so revolucionario and sweetheart are pronounced man and wife. Then, to the surprise of all, he does not expire but stands up because it was all a ruse, he was not mortally

One could also say that Yengko died in style. Appearing in battles perfumed and perfectly dressed, he was like the famous "Boy General" Gregorio del Pilar, a handsome man who also dressed impeccably and brandished a gold-plated pistol. Found in Del Pilar's pockets after his death in Tirad Pass were love letters, personalized embroidered hankies, and even a lock of hair, souvenirs from all the young ladies he had courted along the way to heroism.

wounded, hence the title "Walang Sugat."

These details are insignificant in the grand sweep of history, but they make history more relevant.

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LAST DAY OF CLASSES

San Vicente Elementary School 6th grade teacher Cecilia Brett poses for a group photo with her students during the last day of school last week.

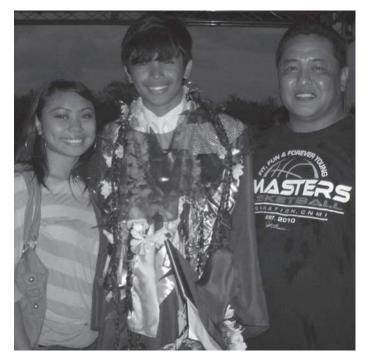


San Vicente Elementary School 2nd grade teacher Fe Cabrera gathers her students for a photo session during the last day of school last week.



**NEW GRADUATE** 

Congratulations to Brian Tiamzon Torres Jr., center, who graduated on May 14, 2011, from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas with a bachelor's degree in Hotel Management. He is shown here with his friends after the graduation rites. Other photos shows him with family and more friends. Greetings come from Mom and Dad, Lizelle and Jun, Lindsay and Nick, nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.



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Congratulation to Ray Glenn Skilang Lizama of Saipan Southern High School's Class of 2011. Greetings come from Dad, Mom, Charnessa, grandmas and grandpas and the Lizama and Skilang families.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Belated happy birthday greetings go out to the most wonderful mother, Marina D. San Nicolas, who celebrated her birthday on June 17, 2011. How many years, Mom? Now it's been a while, since receiving my first tenuous smile. You forgave each mistake. Made your love my keepsake and your years were worthwhile. I love you, Mommy. From your favorite, Valyn D. San Nicolas!



Advanced happy birthday to Victor S. Ada aka To' who is turning 24 this Sunday, June 26, 2011! May you have a blast on your special day! Greetings come from your family and boys at Finasisu.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Welcome home Josie D. Manalo and happy 20th birthday! Greetings come from your family.

# Young Style

# Illegal immigrant youth 'come out' in reform push

ATLANTA (AP)-Eighteenyear-old Dulce Guerrero kept quiet about being an illegal immigrant until earlier this year, when she became upset after a traffic stop that landed her mother in jail for two nights. The arrest came as Georgia lawmakers were crafting what would become one of the nation's toughest immigration crackdowns, and Guerrero feared her mother would be deported.

"I feel like that was my breaking point, when my mom was in jail," said Guerrero, who came to the U.S. from Mexico when she was 2. "I felt like, well, that's it, it can't get any worse than this. My mother has been to jail."

Guerrero first publicly announced her immigration status at a protest in March, and now she's organizing a rally under the tutelage of more experienced activists who are themselves only a few years older. The high-stakes movement of young illegal immigrants declaring that they're "undocumented and unafraid" got a boost this week when a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist revealed he's been living in the country illegally.

Guerrero is the chief organizer of a rally set for Tuesday at the Georgia State Capitol for high school-age illegal immigrants to tell their stories. The recent high school graduate and others hope to draw attention to the plight of the hundreds of thousands of young people who were brought to the U.S. illegally by their parents.

Already around the country, efforts by young activists have ranged from rallies and letterwriting to sit-ins and civil disobedience, drawing inspiration from civil rights demonstrations decades ago, with the aim of forcing the federal government to reform rules for immigrants in their situation.

In one of the most highprofile declarations yet, former Washington Post reporter Jose Antonio Vargas used an ABC News interview and a New York Times Magazine article to announce Wednesday that he is an illegal immigrant from the Philippines.

"It's very exciting," said 25-year-old Mohammad Abdollahi, a veteran protester who's helping Guerrero. Vargas' revelation "shows that we exist in all walks of life. Folks don't realize how American we are," he said.

Some in the community fear Vargas' admission that he used false documents to get a driver's license and a job could invite backlash, but it illustrates the difficult reality for illegal immigrants seeking to pursue their goals, Abdollahi said.

Those who come forward make themselves vulnerable,



In a May 31, 2011 photo, Illegal immigrants Georgina Perez, left, Adam Kuranishi, second from left, and Dulce Guerrero, third from left, take part in a meeting organizing a rally with activist Mohammad Abdollahi, right, where illegal immigrant high school students plan to tell their stories and "come out of the shadows," in Atlanta.

but it's no guarantee they'll have to leave the U.S. right away. Some have been deported despite broad support from their communities asking that they be allowed to stay. Others, like Georgia college student and cause celebre Jessica Colotl, have won at least temporary reprieves.

Mandeep Chahal, an honors student at the University of California, Davis, and her mother were granted a stay in their deportation proceedings Tuesday after Chahal, 20, campaigned on Facebook to avoid being sent back to India.

Proponents of stricter en-

forcement of immigration laws often concede that young people in this situation are among the most sympathetic cases but that legalizing them still raises problems.

"Our own American young adult college grads are in dire straits in the job market—and particularly disproportionately Hispanic and black Americans—so what the DREAM Act does is adds potentially a million, two million more people to compete legally in that job market," said Roy Beck, executive director of NumbersUSA, which pushes for tighter immigration control. "So, as

compelling as the case of these DREAM students is, we have to acknowledge that legalizing them does actually victimize our own young adults."

Guerrero's been working to attract participants for next week's rally by telling friends how relieved she felt after speaking out. But she never tries to push people to reveal they're in the U.S. illegally unless they're ready and understand the potential consequences.

She's taking advice from Abdollahi and 22-year-old Georgina Perez, who have both helped organize other protests and share similar backgrounds. Abdollahi was brought to the U.S. from Iran when he was 3 and was raised in Michigan; Perez arrived with her mother from Mexico at age 2, living first in Los Angeles and then near Atlanta.

They offer Guerrero the perspective of activists willing to risk arrest—and the threat of deportation—for their beliefs. Abdollahi, who's been organizing protests since 2009, was held briefly with three others after they staged a sitin at Arizona Sen. John Mc-Cain's office last year. Perez was arrested after she and six other young immigrants sat in

a downtown Atlanta intersection and blocked traffic.

proceedings Deportation were begun against Abdollahi but haven't progressed past the initial stages, while immigration authorities took no action against Perez. The Obama administration hasn't promised not to deport young people in their situation, but Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano has made it clear that they are not a priority.

Still, the threat of being forced out of the country weighs heavily on those who announce their illegal status.

"I was super nervous," Perez said, adding: "I had to do it because in order for students to come out, they need to see something; someone needs to set the example."

The hardest thing, she said, was when she told her mother her plans the night before the rally and her mother apologized for putting her in a difficult situation.

"It's like you can't really fully live your life here, and she knows that and it breaks her heart," Perez said, choking up. "I thank her for bringing me here. I told her, 'Don't ever say that again. Don't apologize."

Abdollahi moved to Georgia earlier this year to help organize young people who oppose a new policy that bars illegal immigrants from the state's most competitive public colleges and universities. They're also speaking out against the state's new law that, among other things, authorizes law enforcement officers to check the immigration status of suspects who cannot provide identification and to detain illegal immigrants.

Guerrero reached out to Perez to ask her to give a presentation at her school on the DREAM Act, legislation that would provide a path to legalization for certain young people brought to the U.S. illegally by their parents. The bill has been introduced several times in Congress but has yet to make it through. They kept in touch and Guerrero first spoke out at the rally in March, not long after her mother's January arrest. She spoke out again at the rally in April and also organized a walkout at her high school last month.

Her parents are extremely protective and she talks to them about how they've given up so much to raise her and her brothers here, she said. They're proud of her and support her speaking out, but they're scared, she said.

"They've brought me as far as they can," she said. "It's time for me to take my decisions and walk on my own, and if that means publicly coming out as undocumented to empower other students, that's what I'm gonna do."

# Change made to airport screenings for young kids

**ON THE NET** 

■ Senate Homeland Security and

Governmental Affairs Committee:

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■ TSA: http://www.tsa.gov

By EILEEN SULLIVAN

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government has made a change in its policy for patting down young children at airport checkpoints, and more are promised.

Airport security workers will now be told to make repeated attempts to screen young children without resorting to invasive pat-downs, the head of the Transportation Security Administration said Wednesday. The agency is working to put that change in place around the country, and it should reduce, but not eliminate, pat-downs for children, an agency spokesman said.

There was public outrage in April over a video of a 6-yearold girl getting a pat-down in

the New Orleans airport. She was patted down, John Pistole said, because she moved during the electronic screening, causing a blurry image.

put in place partly because of look at the boy cradled in his the Nigerian man who got past mother's arms, the agency said.

airport security, boarded a plane with explosives hidden in his underpants

and tried to use the bomb to bring down the airliner over Detroit on Christmas 2009.

But this screening has been criticized as being too intrusive and an unnecessary measure for children and older people who seem to pose no terror threat.

Last month, a picture of a baby being patted down at

Kansas City International Airport gained worldwide attention as well. The baby's stroller set off an alert of possible traces sense," he told lawmakers. of explosives, so the screeners I hat kind of pat-down was were justified in taking a closer

Pistole, testifying at a hearing on transportation secu-

rity by the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, said his agency has been working on other policy changes for screening children, and an announcement will come soon.

Terrorists in other countries have used children as young as 10 years old as suicide bombers, Pistole said, although that hasn't happened in the U.S. "We need to use common

Some of the first information gleaned from Usama bin Laden's compound after he was killed by U.S. forces in May indicated that al-Qaida considered attacking U.S. trains on the upcoming anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. Counterterrorism officials have said they believe the planning never got beyond the initial phase and have no recent intelligence pointing to an active plot for such an attack.

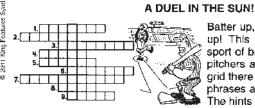
But the evidence from bin Laden's compound shows what U.S. officials have been saying for years: Terrorists remain interested in attacking transportation nodes, such as airplanes

### Riddle Card 1. Why is a star like an old bam?

- 2. When does a man have to
- keep his word? 3. What is it that you break when you name it?
- 4. What is the last thing you take off before going to bed?
- 5. Why does a freight car need no locomotive?



Answers: 1. Both contain H, A, T, S. 2. When no one will



Illustrated by David Coulson

FIND THE HIDDEN STATE CAPITAL in this lad's

Answer: The state capital is . . . S LEM . . . (Oregon).



1. Unit of measurement.

2. Placed on the table.

4. Part of your leg.

3. Not any

SEE IF YOU CAN TAME THIS ONE! Pictured below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in grid A contain the same letters as the corresponding words in grid B.

- Grows on trees.
- 2. Found on old radios.
- Type of light.
- Sharp cutting edge.
- Answers: 1. Lime-mile. 2. Dial-Isid. 3. Neon-none. 4. Keen-knee.

Batter up, or should I say, puzzlers up! This problem deals with the sport of baseball, and in particular, pitchers and batters. In our puzzle grid there is room for nine words or phrases associated with the game. The hints below should help.

- Total paid attendance.
- 2. A fisherman might use this pitch.
- 3. A virtuous time at bat.
- 4. Number of balls and strikes.
- Comes before releasing the ball. 6. An illegal pitch.
- 7. A dancing pitch.
- 8. As good as a hit.
- 9. A pitcher's territory.
- There is a dark frame around one of the columns in the grid. If you correctly find all of the words asked for, the letters in this frame, top to bottom, will spell out what every batter wishes for.

4. Count. 5. Windup. 6. Spiffer. 7. Knuckle ball. 8. Walk. 9. Mound. What every batter wishes for is a "grand slarr." Answers: 1. The gate. 2. Sinker. 3. Sacrifice.

### By Samantha Weaver

- It was 19th-century German philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer who made the following sage observation: "There is no absurdity so palpable but that it may be firmly planted in the human head if you only begin to inculcate it before the age of five, by constantly repeating it with an air of great solemnity."
- Those who study such things say that half of all money spent on food in the United States is spent in restaurants.
- If, like me, you are constantly finding excess wire hangers in your closets, you probably won't be surprised to learn that more than 2.7 billion of them were imported in 2010 alone.
- You might be surprised to learn that beer brewers in Australia are on the cutting edge of alternative energy production. They have created a "beer battery"—the world's first, they claim—in which electricity is generated by bacteria consuming the waste that is created by the brewing process.
- Companies today sometimes seem to go too far in advertising their products, but consider Richard Chesebrough, who invented the petroleum jelly Vaseline in 1872. In order to market his new creation as a salve for cuts and burns, he traveled around New York state demonstrating the efficacy of the product by burning his skin with acid, then applying Vaseline to the injury. A display of his past burns that had been healed with Vaseline would, in theory, convince people to buy the product.
- If you're looking to brighten up your living space with some greenery, you might want to consider getting a bonsai tree. They live longer than any other houseplant.

Thought for the Day: "Hollywood is a place where they'll pay you a thousand dollars for a kiss and fifty cents for your soul."—Marilyn Monroe

# **GO FIGURE ANSWER**

### $MAGIC MAZE \bullet - COMPANY$

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions -

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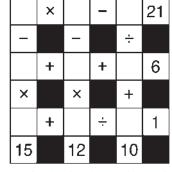
# GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

### DIFFICULTY: ★★

\* Moderate \* \* Difficult \* \* \* GO FIGURE!

**MAGIC MAZE ANSWER** 



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# **Pets grieve, too**

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: We had two dogs for the past six years. We just lost "Sassy" two days ago. Our remaining dog, "Barry," is so sad. How can we help him? He barely eats, and he just lays around not showing interest in anything. I realize it is soon after losing his best friend, but is this normal? We are sad also, but want to help him if we can.—Norma in Ohio

DEAR NORMA: It's very normal for a dog to grieve for a lost companion, and Barry is showing all the signs of deep grief: loss of appetite, depression, lack of interest in things that normally stimulate him. In a few days, he may begin pacing around the house, searching for something—another common behavior, particularly after a dog loses a companion animal like Sassy.

Be supportive of Barry over the next few months. Give him lots of love and attention. However, don't break his training routine or feeding routine, nor allow him to do things he normally wouldn't be allowed to do, like climb on the furniture. He needs structure as well as support.

When Barry searches the house for her, call him over and give him a blanket or toy that Sassy liked to use and that still has her scent. Sometimes an



item that reminds a pet of a lost companion is comforting. Other times the pet will reject the item—don't scold or force it on him.

How long will Barry grieve? Like humans, there's no set time. Some dogs return to their old selves from two to six weeks after a loss; others take many months. And some always retain some sign that they still miss their old friend, years down the road.

Send your question or comment to ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. For more pet carerelated advice and information, visit www.pawscorner.com.

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# Make cheap and sweet "glam" cleaning gloves

t's easy and fun to dress up drab latex rubber gloves with perky cuffs. Add rickrack, bows or sparkling brooches for extra bling, and your household cleaning chores won't seem so humdrum. Your kids can help with the fabric choice, measuring and cutting.

Once you get going, make several pairs. They're fun to tuck in a basket of items for a shower or housewarming gift for a new family on the block. A whimsical homemade gift from you and your kids!

# Here's the stuff you'll need:

■ One pair of rubber gloves with cuffs in the quality and color you prefer, available at grocery and discount stores for a dollar or two.

■ 1/4 yard of oilcloth or water-resistant stiff fabric that is at least 36 inches wide. I found bigpolka-dot fabric at IKEA. I wanted to use blue and red yardage for summer tablecloths, so I added extra fabric for the gloves.

■ Measuring tape, marker, scissors and straight pins

- Sewing machine and thread.
- A glue-gun to attach decorative addons such as ribbon, bows, rickrack and buttons if you wish. Or pin on a brooch. You also may decide to cut the edges with pinking shears.

### **HERE'S THE FUN:**

### **Directions for one glove:**

- 1. Trim off the edge of the glove and make the cuff shorter for a comfortable fit.
- 2. Cut fabric 4-inches wide by at least 18-inches long. If you prefer fuller ruffles, make it longer.
- 3. Let your child mark 2-inch intervals along the edge and then make small knife pleats at each mark. Pin and sew the pleats in place with stitches running close

by Donna Erickson

to the edge. Remove pins. Note: Once I got the hang of it, I created the pleats one by one as I sewed.

- 4. Bring the 4-inch edges of the fabric right sides together, pin and sew a 1/4inch seam to create a circular, pleated fabric ready to attach to the glove.
- 5. Ease the pleated cuff wrong side out over the right side of the glove and pin in place.

(I placed the 4-inchlong seam above the thumb side of the glove.) If the pleated cuff is too large, add another pleat. Remove pins as you sew

1/2-inch from the edge.

Turn cuff over the seam and fluff the pleats. Repeat with

second glove. For extra pizzazz, use your imagination and items in your craft box to decorate the gloves with add-ons. A glue gun

works quickly. Note: Find step-by-step "GLAM CLEANING GLOVES" photos in the Notes section of the "Donna's Day" Facebook fan page.

Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit www.donnasday.com and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."

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# Life & Style

# Harry Potter wizard series to be sold as e-books

**LONDON** (AP)—Harry Potter battled the forces of evil and now is set to conquer the web coming to e-books in a groundbreaking deal that has delighted fans but alarmed the book industry that helped make creator J.K. Rowling a billionaire.

Rowling announced Thursday that her seven novels about the boy wizard will be sold for the first time as e-books, beginning in October, exclusively through a new online portal to her wizarding world called "Pottermore."

The deal brings longtime ebook refusnik Rowling into the digital fold, but comes as a bitter potion to established booksellers, who will be shut out of the latest chapter of a vastly profitable saga. "You can't hold back progress," Rowling told reporters in London. "E-books are here and they are here to stay." The Potter novels will be available as audiobooks and e-books in multiple languages, initially including English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Japanese. Prices have yet to be set. The "Pottermore" website, meanwhile, is an immersive online environment

that combines elements of a role-playing game and a digital encyclopedia with social networking and an online store.

By selling directly to fans, Rowling is bypassing established online retailers like Amazon, although the creators of "Pottermore" say the books will be compatible with popular e-readers including Amazon's Kindle, Sony's Reader and Apple's iPad.

Tom Turcan, chief operating officer of the new venture. Pottermore Ltd., said Rowling wanted "to make the books available to everybody, not to make them available only to people who own a particular set of devices, or tethered to a particular set of platforms."

Phil Jones, deputy editor of The Bookseller, a London-based trade magazine, said cutting out retailers was a gamble-but if anyone can pull that off, it would be Rowling. The 45-year-old British author has retained the electronic publishing rights to her books, which have sold 450 million copies around the world in paper form.

"Only Rowling could do this," he said. "I don't think any



British author J.K. Rowling, rear right, poses for photographers with children as she announces her new website project Pottermore at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, Thursday, June 23, 2011.

other author could launch their own site and get fans to buy ebooks through it. And I think she will succeed. I think she will get hordes of fans on the site and sell hundreds of thousands

Booksellers hope the e-books will further boost sales of the printed Potter books, but have otherwise been cut out of the electronic future of the megasuccessful series.

Jon Howells, spokesman for

Britain's Waterstone's chain, said the Harry Potter book launches, which for years drew throngs of fans in wizard garb to midnight store openings, "have become the stuff of legend at Waterstone's and

"We're therefore disappointed that, having been a key factor in the growth of the Harry Potter phenomenon since the first book was published, the book trade is effectively banned from selling the long-awaited e-book editions," he said.

"Pottermore" had been the subject of intense speculation among fans since it appeared on the Internet with the words "coming soon." Rowling revealed Thursday it is a website designed to immerse users in her intricately crafted world of wizards and magic.

The site lets fans delve into Harry Potter's beloved Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. They can shop for wands in Diagon Alley, travel to Hogwarts from the imaginary Platform 9 3/4 at London's King's Cross train station and be sorted into Hogwarts school houses by the perceptive Sorting Hat.

Along the way are wand fights, games and new information about characters beloved around the world, including Harry's boorish relatives, the Dursleys.

# Graphic novel outlines raid to capture bin Laden

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The daring secret mission to get Osama bin Laden by elite U.S. forces will be told in the pages of a new graphic novel that aims to shed more light—with a bit of creative license—on the event. Written by retired U.S. Marine Capt. Dale Dye and Julia Dye, the 88-page hardcover "Code Word: Geronimo" takes a look at the mission that is free from politics, a move the authors said was aimed at keeping the focus on those who planned, conducted and executed the raid. IDW Publishing said a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to the American Veterans Center.

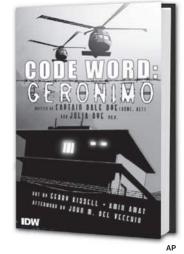
"People from all parties and from more than one administration made this all possible," Julia Dye told The Associated Press. "It's an American celebration."

It was also a quick process adapting the real-life event for the book, illustrated by artists Gerry Kissell and Amin Amat, and set for release Sept. 6, less than a week before the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. IDW, a San Diego-based publisher, known for its line of comics that include "G.I. Joe," "Star Trek" and "Doctor Who," said the story about bin Laden's capture would appeal to both new and established readers.

Tom Waltz, IDW's editor and a Marine who was in the Gulf War, called the story a detailed account of the mission.

"I firmly believe you won't get a more accurate account of this pivotal moment in history unless it is told by the SEAL team members themselves," Waltz said.

Julia Dye called the work necessary for the nation, particularly having had to live "within the shadow" of bin Laden for so long. "We knew that at some point some great journalist or



In this comic book cover image released by IDW Publishing, "Code Word: Geronimo" written by retired U.S. Marine Capt. Dale Dye and his wife, Julia Dye is shown.

novelist or some great writer will get into this and produce the tell-all book, but that's down the line," said Dale Dye, who has written novels and advised film and TV productions ranging from "Platoon" to the mini-series "The Pacific" to ensure military accuracy. "What we needed to do is to celebrate this thing. We got it right. We haven't gotten in right before," he said. "I shudder to think of Desert One," the failed effort to rescue the American hostages in Iran.

The story opens with a lone traveler on a dusty road in Pakistan, a rattled pick-up passing by. It quickly shifts back and forth to a U.S. compound in Afghanistan to the White House to the house where bin Laden was hiding in Abbottabad, Pakistan.

From there, the story unfolds with the helicopters lifting off, crossing into Pakistan and landing. The elements of the real raid are featured, too, including the helicopter that had to make a forced landing, the raid into the house and, finally, the two shots that took bin Laden down.

said with time already served and good behavior, he could be out in six years.

ter the sentencing, Bantonwhose given name is Mark Myrie—thanked family, fans and supporters from around the world who flooded the court file with letters of support. filled with despair, but I have courage and grace and I'm hopeful, and that is sufficient to carry me through," he said in the statement, which was read by Markus. "The man is not dead. Don't call him a ghost."

Banton, dressed in gray jail scrubs and shackled at the ankles, did not speak in court and did not react when Moody announced the sentence. The tall, thin, dreadlocked singer blew a kiss and waved to his

subdued supporters as he was led away.

In his Caribbean homeland of Jamaica, radio stations played his songs nonstop Thursday,



the husky-voiced singer, who has long been a top star in his homeland with his brash reggae-rap hybrid of dancehall music and a more traditional reggae sound, was "the best at what he did during the last 20 years."

"The loss of Buju for 10 years will be a tremendous blow to the industry," Goodison said in Jamaica's capital, Kingston. "The quality of his music and the message of his songs, which often dealt with the essence of being black, was unparalleled during his time."

# Court rules against Anna Nicole Smith's estate

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—The Supreme Court on Thursday ruled against the estate of Anna Nicole Smith in the latest chapter of the long-running saga over whether a Texas billionaire's alleged promise to give millions from his \$1.6 billion estate to his young Playmate wife trumped a will that left his fortune to his son.

The high court ruled that a bankruptcy judge's decision giving millions to Smith from the estate of oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall was decided incorrectly because those judges do not have the constitutional right to reach outside of bankruptcy cases into a probate case.

Chief Justice John Roberts said in a 5-4 decision that the Constitution gives lifetime tenure to federal judges during good behavior and without diminution of salary.

Bankruptcy judges "enjoy neither tenure during good behavior nor salary protection," Roberts said. "We conclude that, although the bankruptcy court had the statutory authority to enter judgment on Vickie's counterclaim, it lacked the constitutional authority to do so." Smith's real name was Vickie Lynn Marshall.

Federal bankruptcy judges are appointed and can be removed by judges on the U.S. Appeals Court and their salaries are linked to that of federal judges.

Bankruptcy judges serve 14year terms.

The family of E. Pierce Marshall, son of J. Howard Marshall, cheered the decision.

"J. Howard's wishes were always perfectly clear: He gave Anna Nicole Smith approximately \$8 million in gifts during his lifetime, and those gifts were all that he intended to give her," said Eric Brunstad, the Marshalls' lawyer.

# Reggae star Buju Banton gets 10 years in drug case

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—A federal judge sentenced Grammywinning reggae singer Buju Banton to 10 years in prison Thursday, the lowest sentence legally allowed for his role in a large cocaine trafficking deal in 2009.

The 38-yearold Jamaican recording artist got a break when U.S. District Judge James S. Moody threw out a gun conviction, which would have added another five years to the minimum

sentence. Banton's attorney, David Markus, jockey Bunny Goodison said

In a statement he wrote af-"The days that lie ahead are



# Judge tells Lohan: No more parties at house

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The house party is over for Lindsay Lohan, at least while she's on house arrest.

Superior Court Judge Stephanie Sautner chided Lohan on Thursday for having rooftop parties at her home while serving house arrest on a probation violation but said the actress hadn't violated any other rules.

"If you are guilty of some violation of your probation, I don't see it," Sautner said. "What you are guilty of is extremely poor judgment."

Lohan tearfully hugged her attorney, Shawn Holley, after the hearing.

Earlier, the actress told Sautner she wanted to put her court troubles behind her.

"Do you want to get on with your life, tell me," Sautner asked. "Yes, I do," Lohan replied. It was the only time she spoke

during the hearing. The judge said Lohan didn't violate her probation by testing positive for alcohol during a recent test. The testing requirement, imposed by another judge, ended in February.

Holley said after the hearing that Lohan, 24, had undergone more scrutiny than any other defendant and has been abiding



### Stephen Colbert, Jack White cut a record together

NEW YORK (AP)—Stephen Colbert and Jack White are cutting a record together. Colbert has featured the former White Stripe on "The Colbert Report" all week during his "rock odyssey" series, "Dr. Pepper Presents StePhest ColbChella '011 - Rock You Like a Thirst-Icane." On Wednesday's program, White agreed to produce a song for Colbert through his record label, the Nashvillebased Third Man Records. White said he would pair Colbert with a Third Man act, the goth girl rock band Black Belles. They're to perform on the program Thursday night, and Colbert has promised to join them. This is White's second collaboration with a latenight talk show host. Last year he released a live rockabilly album with Conan O'Brien.

### **Lawyer: Top court** acquits Playboy **Indonesia editor**

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—A lawyer for the former editor of Playboy Indonesia says the Supreme Court has overturned his indecency conviction. Erwin Arnada is serving a two-year prison sentence for publishing pictures of scantily clothed women. His lawyer Heriyanto Yang said Arnada is expected to be released from Jakarta's Cipinang prison on Friday. When the now-defunct Playboy Indonesia hit newsstands in 2006, members of a hard-line Muslim group attacked its editorial offices. It also filed the criminal complaint against Arnada.



Lindsay Lohan exits a probation hearing at LAX Courthouse, Thursday, June 23, 2011, in Los Angeles.

by the terms of her sentence.

"She has done nothing wrong," Holley said, noting that alcohol is not illegal.

Some of the parties at Lohan's home in the Venice neighborhood of Los Angeles were photographed by paparazzi.

"Don't give people a reason to hate you," Sautner told her. "Don't do stupid things that fly in the face of the court's order."

Sautner said Lohan can only have one friend over at her house at a time but can host family and business associates.

Sautner ordered Lohan to appear in court on July 21, but said she wouldn't incur any additional penalties if she abided by the terms of her probation.

Sautner is the fifth judge to handle Lohan's case since she was arrested twice in 2007. In April, Lohan was found in violation of her probation for taking a necklace without permission.

Lohan is nearing the end of what is expected to be a 35-day term on house arrest on a fourmonth jail sentence. Sautner made clear she didn't approve of the house arrest or Lohan's early release, but noted it was out of her control.

All of Lohan's jail stints have been shortened due to jail overcrowding.

Her house arrest has been far from uneventful—authorities went to the actress' home four days after she began her sentence on May 26 because her ankle monitor reported being out of range.

The battery in Lohan's ankle monitor was going bad, authorities determined, but also noted in a probation report that she had hosted friends the night before and one of them had spilled a drink on some of the equipment.

# Madonna's life story to be subject of comic book

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Madonna will soon find herself in a whole new material world: the pages of a comic book.

The star will have her life story told in 32 pages by Bluewater Productions Inc., the latest celebrity to be part of its semi-regular line of "Female Force" comics, the publisher said Thursday.

"Our goal is to show the little-known events and influences that resulted in Madonna becoming the phenomenon she remains to this day, more than a quarter-century after she burst tainer and trendsetter.

upon the scene," said Jason Schultz, Bluewater's executive vice president. "A visual medium provides perspective that is not only accessible but more relatable to the average person without losing any of the information involved.'

The one-shot issue—due out in August for \$3.99 and written by C.W. Cooke and drawn by Michael Johnson—will look at her life as it transformed from a little-known singer into a multimillion-record-selling

"Most pop stars owe everything to this woman. It's amazing all of the things that she's done in her lifetime, and I have a feeling that this is still only the beginning," Cooke said of Madonna.

The issue joins a growing collection of similar titles from the Vancouver, Wash.-based publisher. Previous subjects in the "Female Force" series that have included Betty White, Michelle Obama, Barbara Walters, Sarah Palin and Margaret Thatcher, among others.

# Adele reschedules concerts after laryngitis



Adele

**NEW YORK** (AP)—After resting her voice, Adele is ready to sing again.

The best-selling singer-songwriter from Great Britain was forced to cancel the rest of the dates on her North American tour earlier this month because of laryngitis. Now she has rescheduled those dates and added some shows in Las Vegas, Miami and other cities.

Columbia Records said in a statement million copies

Thursday that the concerts will begin in Vancouver on Aug. 9 with shows scheduled throughout the rest of the month. Performances will then resume Oct. 7 in Atlantic City, N.J.

The Grammy-winning singer has one of this year's top albums with "21," including the No.1 hit, "Rolling in the Deep." The album has sold 2.3

### Rep: Scuffle at Bieber event 'a misunderstanding rounded him to usher

NEW YORK (AP)—A scuffle outside a Macy's department store where Justin Bieber was attending a promotional event Thursday for his new fragrance was "a misunderstanding," the singer's representative said.

"This was a momentary, wellintentioned misunderstanding that was quickly resolved, and the event went very well," said publicist Melissa Victor in an email.

The incident happened outside the Broadway entrance of Macy's in Manhattan.

Police said Bieber's representatives contacted them to say he wanted to go outside to greet fans. Police set up a small pen where he could do so.

Bieber left the pen and went straight to the main barricade

holding back an estimated 500 people. The crowd surged forward and the barricade started to come down.

Police officers and Bieber's personal security detail then sur-



**Bieber** 

The man was issued a summons for disorderly conduct and released. Police learned later that he was a member of the singer's

him back inside. Po-

lice said a 47-year-old

man standing in the

doorway refused to step aside and had to

be physically moved.

security team. The 17-year-old Canadian singer was not injured in the

### Girl bothered by little things must think of bigger picture

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I am a teenage girl and my family is important to me. I really wish I could treat them better. My mom and I always fight. She says little things and I get mad at her. I feel bad for snapping at her and my sisters all the time because I really want them to know how much they mean to me. They are the best family you could ever get, and I just push them away.

Mom is going through a lot of health

problems, and I know my being mean

won't help her get better. Abby, help me, please. TEENAGE GIRL IN OHIO

DEAR TEENAGE GIRL: The first thing you need to remember is that because your mother is experiencing health problems, she may not be at her best—which is why she says some of those "little things" that make you angry. Before you react and take them personally, you need to remind yourself that she may be having a bad day.

When you are upset and under stress, you should not take it out on your sisters. A better way to cope would be, rather than saving something hurtful, to leave the room or take a walk and organize your thoughts. You'll then be better able to communicate your feelings in a rational way and avoid a fight.

Please try it. These are skills that take practice, but if you master them they will serve you for a lifetime. Now, go hug your mother, tell her you love her and apologize.

DEAR ABBY: I am extremely overweight (5-foot-6 and 331 pounds). I am 38 years old, and the weight is now catching up with me. It hurts to get up in the morning. My knees hurt walking up the stairs, and I can't bear to look at myself (to the point that I will not go out except to work). I have started to pull away from my family.

"Just lose the weight"? Easier said than done! I lost 110 pounds, then gained it back and more. I don't know who to turn to, but I know I need help.

TOO BIG TO ENJOY LIFE

DEAR TOO BIG: I'm glad you wrote, because I'm going to recommend a multi-pronged approach. The first person to contact is your physician, and tell him or her that you are ready to take off the weight and you need help. Then ask for a referral to a psychologist, to help you understand the emotional reasons you have put on so much weight, and also an American Dietetic Association-registered nutritionist who can help you craft a healthy eating program that works for you.

You will also have to make some lifestyle changes, but they will SAVE YOUR LIFE. And remember, losing weight will take time. You didn't put it on overnight; it won't come off overnight. But by writing to me you have already taken your first step in the right direction, and I'm urging you to continue moving down the same path.

**DEAR ABBY**: We are stumped about how to handle a situation with our grandchildren. Is it OK to set different rules in our home than they have in their own home?

We are inclined to limit running or wrestling indoors, but our daughter (their mother) doesn't feel that's necessary. At different times both children have been injured or gotten into trouble that could have been avoided by having a "no running or wrestling inside" rule. Is it our place to establish rules for our home?

CONCERNED IN TEXAS

DEAR C.I.T.: Absolutely, and without QUESTION it is your place to establish the rules of conduct in YOUR house-

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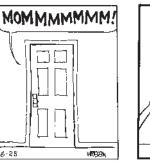
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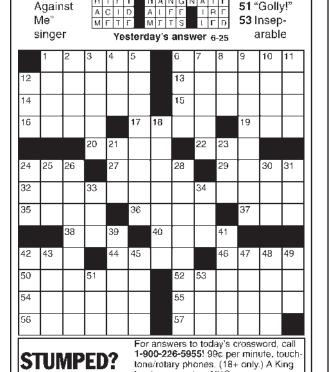








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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Busy** Phillips, 32; Jason Lewis, 40; Ricky Gervais, 50; Carly Simon, 66

Happy Birthday: Don't let your emotions lead you down the wrong path. Not everything can follow a direction that suits your needs. Your willingness and ability to adapt will help you bypass setbacks and reach goals that appear to be inaccessible. Your numbers are 3, 17, 19, 22, 29, 34, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't jump to conclusions, especially when dealing with house and family matters. You mustn't upset someone who counts on you or contributes to your emotional well-being. Do whatever it takes to please the ones you love. ���

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Attend a conference or seminar that gives you insight into something you would like to pursue. Temptation to exaggerate will be difficult to overcome but, if you give a false impression, you will suffer the consequences. •••

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Get involved in challenging activities. Too much time on your hands will lead to arguments. A moneymaking opportunity is apparent. Someone from your past is looking for you. A secret will be revealed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Let your imagination run wild and you will come up with a spectacular idea for a service you can offer others. Don't limit what you can do because you are afraid of failure. Do your research and you will find a way to start small and build. 🛇 🔾

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Look for a little adventure. Travel, socializing and enjoying a change of scenery should be high on your list. A mini vacation or stepping out with friends or your lover will lead to a chance to make new acquaintances who have something to

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll face plenty of opposition and trouble if you aren't precise in the way you express what you want, know or need. Anger will mount and mistakes will be made. Honesty

will be the only answer. Keep a tight hold on your cash. 200

offer you. 🛇 🗘 🗘

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let work and professional problems get you down. Concentrate on what you can accomplish, learn or enjoy. Love is in the stars and you can enhance your current relationship or meet someone special, if you are single. Participation will be the key.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Talk to someone who has walked a path similar to the one you are walking and you will get a valid view of what you should or shouldn't do. Real estate, investments and money owed to you can all play a role in a decision you make. 👀

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep everything out in the open so you aren't accused of keeping secrets or doing something behind someone's back. A relationship with someone will be tested if you break

a promise. Use your imagination.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Spend more time with friends and family. Personal opportunities will develop if you discuss future plans with someone with whom you have an emotional connection. Put pressure

or not fulfilling promises made. ����� AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Overspending, overdoing or overindulging will set you back. Don't let a poor influence from your past interfere in your life now. Gravitate toward people who can offer you intel-

on someone who is behind, not doing a good job

lectual and physical challenges. •• PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be honest and true to yourself. Don't try to be

someone you are not. A problem with someone you love must be taken care of immediately if you don't want matters to escalate. Speak from the heart. **QQQ** 

Birthday Baby: You are playful, intense and strive to win. You are imaginative and willing to take risks.

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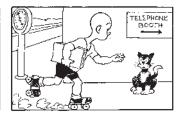




















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# Cavaliers take Irving with No. 1 pick in NBA draft



(AP)—Kyrie Irving headed to Cleveland as the No. 1 pick minutes after the NBA draft started.

Jimmer Fredette had to wait hours to officially become a member of

the Sacramento Kings.

Plenty other players, from veterans to picks, were on the move Thursday night in a draft that was considered a dud talentwise but certainly wasn't dull.

There was no chance the Cavs would deal Irving, confident his foot is healthy enough to lead the rebuilding effort that follows LeBron James' departure.

Loudly cheered by family and friends not far from where he starred at St. Patrick's High School in Elizabeth, the Duke point guard showed no signs of the toe injury on his right foot that limited him to 11 games last season as he walked up the stairs to shake hands with Commissioner David Stern.

"I didn't have any doubts about going to No. 1. I was looking to the organization to pick who they felt was the right choice," Irving said. "But now to this moment, from being a fan of the NBA draft and now being drafted, it's a special feeling in my heart and knowing that my friends and family were together, it's a memory I'm going to remember for the rest of my life."

A three-team trade that included Charlotte, Milwaukee and Sacramento that had been agreed to earlier in the day wasn't approved until midway through the second round, forcing Fredette to wait about 2 1/2 hours for his NBA destination to be determined after he was taken with the No. 10 pick by the Bucks.

"Took a little while waiting back there, but it's a great moment for me and for my family, and for the Sacramento Kings organization," the player of the year from BYU said. "Hopefully their fan base is excited because I'm really excited to get out there and start the season with them and have a great year."

A draft that included a record four international players who didn't play at a U.S. college selected in the lottery soon became dominated by deals, which the NBA was still hustling to approve and announce as the second round wound down.

Stephen Jackson, Corey Maggette and John Salmons were part of the three-way deal, and fellow vets such as Andre Miller, Rudy Fernandez, Raymond Felton and George Hill were involved in other trades.

The deals spiced up what was thought to be a lackluster draft, which was missing its usual buzz with the NBA perhaps a week away from a work stoppage.

Three of the first six players taken were from Europe, capitalizing on the absence of some American college players who might have gone in their spots and made this a stronger draft.

Even Irving has international ties. He was born in Australia while his father, Drederick, played professionally there and said he might be interested in playing for the Australian national team.

After grabbing him with their first No. 1 pick since taking James in 2003, the Cavs used the No. 4 selection on Texas forward Tristan Thompson. They were the first team since the 1983 Houston Rockets with two top-four picks.

The Minnesota Timberwolves took Arizona forward Derrick Williams with the No. 2 pick. The Utah Jazz then took Turkish big man Enes Kanter third with their first of two lottery selections.

The league's uncertain labor situation hung over the draft, and likely weakened it. Potential top-10 picks such as Jared Sullinger of Ohio State and Harrison Barnes were among those who decided to stay in school, without knowing when their rookie seasons would have started.

Stern, who could lock out his players next week if a deal for a new collective bargaining agreement is not reached, was booed when he came onto the stage at the Prudential Center, which is hosting the draft while its usual home, Madison Square Garden, is undergoing summer work.

New Yorkers made the trip across the river to join the sellout crowd of 8,417, cheering loudly when Kemba Walker and Fredette were taken in the top 10 and booing when the Knicks made Georgia Tech guard Iman Shumpert the No. 17 selection.

The draft was filled with little-known European players. Kanter hasn't played competitively in a year, forced to sit out last season at Kentucky after



NBA Commissioner David Stern, left, poses with the No. 1 overall draft pick, Kyrie Irving, of Duke, who was selected by the Cleveland Cavaliers in the NBA basketball draft Thursday, June, 23, 2011, in Newark, N.J.

### NBA union: We won't take bad deal to avoid lockout

NBA stars from veteran Kevin Garnett to Rookie of the Year Blake Griffin standing behind him, union president Derek Fisher said Thursday that players won't accept a bad deal to avert a work stoppage.

"We'd love to avoid a lockout, but we're unified in the sense of not being afraid if that's what we're faced with," the Lakers guard said.

Player representatives from each team were in town for their summer meeting and were updated on the state of negotiations with owners. The collective bargaining agreement expires June 30, and the sides remain far apart headed into another session Friday.

Garnett and Paul Pierce from the Celtics, the Clippers' Griffin, the Hornets' Chris Paul and Jason Terry of the NBA champion Dallas Mavericks were among the 60 players who joined Fisher at the front of the news conference. Garnett said owners want "control."

"It's unfortunate, to be hon-

NEW YORK (AP)—With est, because we have great momentum right now," said Garnett, whose massive contract in Minnesota was a catalyst for the changes owners sought that led to the 1998 lockout.

"I think the league is, as far as anticipation and the leading stories and the careers that you can follow, you know Dirk (Nowitzki) finally winning, I mean there's multiple stories that are intriguing right now and it's just unfortunate that we're all going through this right now to sort of slow that down."

The sides swapped proposals Tuesday, but that brought them no closer.

"A lockout is something that we are trying to avoid by making multiple offers that treat our players fairly," league spokesman Michael Bass said in an email to The Associated Press. "We are dismayed by the union's unfortunate rhetoric."

it called a "flex" salary cap, in of the NBA players in order to which teams would be targeted

exceed that through the use of various exceptions. But there's an eventual ceiling at an unspecified amount, so players still consider it a hard cap.

It's similar to the NHL's salary cap system, which was instituted after a work stoppage in 2004-05 and which NBPA executive director Billy Hunter called "the worst deal in all of professional sports."

Hunter said NHL owners could only win such an agreement after breaking their players' union, and contends NBA owners intend to lock out their players with similar hopes.

"Now they haven't been able to impose that deal on us yet, but what they're proposing even makes the NHL's deal look good," Hunter said. "In order to get that, it's my belief that you have to do the same kind of damage, impose the same kind of damage on us. You have to break The league proposed what the spirit and will and resolve achieve what they want."

being ruled ineligible for being paid to play in Turkey. Lithuania's Jonas Valanciunas went fifth to Toronto and Jan Vesely of the Czech Republic was taken sixth by Washington.

"Basketball in my country is not so popular, but after this night, I think—I hope—that the basketball will be more popular," Vesely said. "I will do my best to help that."

Bismack Biyombo of Congo went seventh as one of six international players who went in the first round, three short of the record set in 2003. The 18-yearold forward moved to Charlotte as part of a three-way deal.

Kentucky's Brandon Knight went eighth to Detroit as casual fans finally heard a name they recognized again. He was followed by Walker of national champion Connecticut, who wiped away tears on the draft stage after he was taken by Charlotte, and Fredette.

"It's been like a movie. This whole year has been magical, honestly," Walker said. "So many different, crazy things have been happening to me, and you know, I just feel lucky.'

Irving became the third point guard taken first in the last four years, following Derrick Rose in 2008 and John Wall last year. Rose was the NBA's MVP this season, ending James' two-year reign.

Irving insists he's not trying to replace James-whose highlights were booed when showed on the overhead screen-in a different manner now.

"I'm looking forward to getting to Cleveland," Irving said. "It's a big sports town and I cannot wait to embrace all of the fans there and the fan support. I can't wait."

Kansas twins Markieff and Marcus Morris went with backto-back picks to round out the lottery. Phoenix took Markieff at No. 13 and Marcus followed to the Rockets.

Indiana took San Diego State's Kawhi Leonard at No. 15 and traded his rights to San Antonio for former IUPUI star George Hill. That started a number of trades at the bottom of the first round, including Boston and New Jersey swapping the Nos. 25 and 27 picks and a Minnesota-Houston deal that sent Jonny Flynn to the Rockets, according to a person with knowledge of the trade.

# Rain mars first day of Travelers Championship



WELL,

Conn. **TRAVELERS** (AP)— CHAMPIONSHIP Michael

Bradley had a one-stroke lead when first-round play in the Travelers Championship was suspended for the day Thursday.

Bradley was 6 under with two holes left when play was

CROM- stopped at 11:30 a.m. at TPC River Highlands.

"You know what, it's unfortunate," Bradley said. "The course is unplayable. There's a lot of water on the course."

Officials reopened the driving range late in the afternoon and hoped to resume play at 5:45 p.m. after emptying the bunkers of waters and using

squeegees on several fairways. But another shower forced more delays and officials eventually decided not to restart play before 7 a.m. Friday.

"All the good work they'd done, they lost," said Mark Russell, the PGA Tour's vice president of rules and competition.

PGA Tour officials said

the course received just over an inch of rain in the 6 1/2 hours before play was called for the day.

Vijay Singh was in a group of seven players a shot back. Singh hit his drive into the woods on the par-4 15th hole just before the rain delay. He found the ball and was expected to take a drop when play resumes.

Bo Van Pelt also was at 5 under through 15 after making an eagle and two birdies on his final three holes of the morning. "Unfortunately, weather, mother nature took over," he said.

Former Masters champion Zach Johnson was in a group at

Only two groups finished the round. Kris Blanks shot a 68 to put him four strokes behind Bradley and Ben Curtis

opened with a 69.

Russell said officials hope to play from 7 a.m. to sunset on Friday and be back on schedule to finish on Sunday. But the forecast called for more rain.

"Right now, we're just thinking lets come in the morning and play some golf and if we can, we'll make some decisions at that time," Russell said. But we are tied in to playing 72 holes. We are going to play 72 holes here."

# French Open champ Li upset by Lisicki at Wimbledon



DON, England (AP)— After playing so well, so often, at this

year's first two major tournaments, Li Na's run at Wimbledon came to an early end.

Only 2 1/2 weeks after giving China its first Grand Slam singles championship at the French Open, and five months after being the runner-up at the Australian Open, Li was knocked out in the second round at the All England Club on Thursday, the grass-court tournament's biggest upset so far.

The third-seeded Li wasted two match points and succumbed to the speedy serving of wild-card entry Sabine Lisicki of Germany in a 3-6, 6-4, 8-6 loss. Lisicki hit 17 aces, including one at 124 mph, which the WTA said is the fastest serve by a woman all season.

"I mean, (from) the first point 'til the end of the match, every serve was, like, around 117 miles (per hour)," said Li, 14-1 in Grand Slam play in 2011 before Thursday. "I mean, this is impossible for the women."

Elsewhere, Serena Williams again was pushed to three sets before winning, then complained a bit about having to play on Court 2 instead of Centre Court or Court 1; Roger Federer overwhelmed his opponent in straight sets, then basked in a standing ovation after playing under the retractable roof at the main stadium for the first time; and two-time French Open runner-up Robin Soderling came back after losing the first two sets to beat 2002 Wimbledon champion Lleyton Hewitt 6-7 (5), 3-6, 7-5, 6-4, 6-4.

Li appeared headed to the third round, too. Leading 5-3 in the third set, she was a point away from victory while Lisicki served at 15-40. But Lisicki got out of that jam this way: 122 mph service winner, 123 mph service winner, 124 mph ace, 122 mph ace.

"Obviously, a good serve is

WIMBLE- important, but also, you have to use it well," the 62nd-ranked Lisicki said. "And I think I'm serving quite smart, as well. So it definitely helped me today."

Talk about an understate-

Thanks to that serve, Lisicki is no stranger to success on grass, reaching the Wimbledon quarterfinals in 2009 and winning a tuneup tournament this month at Birmingham, England; she's won 12 of her last 13 matches on the slick surface.

But she missed five months last year because of a left ankle injury, temporarily dropping out of the top 200 in the rankings.

"Oh, it's been terrible. I mean, I really, literally, had no muscles in my left calf after seven weeks on crutches. So I had to start to learn how to walk again," the 21-year-old Lisicki said. "It's been a very, very long road back, and tough road back. But that makes those moments right now sweeter."

Lisicki's return game was good, too, and she broke twice when Li served for the match, at 5-4 and 6-5.

Li became an instant star in China with her French Open title; more than 100 million people in the nation of 1 billion watched that final on TV. Li may not have been kidding when she asked reporters at Wimbledon not to write that she'd be flying home now, so there might be a chance to have some private time with her husband.

Even though her Grand Slam triumph came so recently, Li already could sense a change on court—not in herself, but in other players.

"I didn't feel different. I didn't feel, like, pressure. I mean, (the) only change is, right now, opponents see you different," she said. "Everyone (who plays) against you, they feeling nothing to lose. So they can play (their) best tennis."

By the looks of things so far, Williams is going to face a true test every time she takes the court this year at Wimbledon, which she has won four times.



She was forced to a third set for the fourth consecutive match since returning to the tour after nearly a year away because of a series of health scares. And while she eventually seized control to beat Simona Halep of Romania 3-6, 6-2, 6-1, it's clear that Williams is still working her way into shape.

"I definitely feel like I started slow," said Williams, who wondered aloud afterward why she and her sister Venus each had to play on Court 2, while top men like Federer, Djokovic, Nadal and Andy Murray have been on one of the two principal courts for all of their matches this week.

"I got a little tight out there," Williams added, "and I just need

Tournament spokesman Johnny Perkins said there was no intentional snub, noting that several factors go into scheduling decisions, including TV broadcasting considerations, where players stand in the draw, and what ticket-buyers want to see.

"I don't think it's anything deliberate, clearly," Perkins said. "It's a hugely complex jigsaw puzzle. Everyone probably looks at it from their own point of view, so she's obviously quite entitled to."

Consider it a testament to her skill and grit that Williams is into the third round. This is only her second tournament in the last 11 1/2 months after two operations on her right foot, clots in her lungs, and surgery to remove a pool of blood that gathered under the skin of her stomach.

Her father, Richard, said he would have preferred if she

three months before coming back, just to be sure she was fully healed.

Now that Williams is back, the question is what these shaky performances portend for the latter stages of the tournament, when presumably she will face tougher opposition than the 58th-ranked Halep or the 61st-ranked Aravane Rezai, her foe Tuesday.

"She's a little rusty, which would be expected," Richard Williams said. "I think Serena. right now, is playing about maybe 49 or 50 percent. So I think it'll be a while before she gets to where she should be."

Williams' match was played under a threatening sky, and rain fell intermittently later; three of the tournament's four days had delays. Four secondround women's matches were postponed, including those involving 2004 champion Maria Sharapova, 2007 runner-up Marion Bartoli and top-seeded Caroline Wozniacki.

Some matches were halted in progress, including 122ndranked Ryan Harrison of the United States against No. 7-seeded David Ferrer of Spain. Harrison was leading 2-1 in sets, but Ferrer was up a break at 4-2 in the fourth, when play was suspended because of darkness.

In a match that barely finished—there are no artificial lights other than at Centre Court-marathon man John Isner of the United States failed to earn a single break point and lost to 16th-seeded Nicolas Almagro of Spain 7-6 (3), 7-6 (5), 6-7 (5), 6-3.

Almagro won despite Isner's 28 aces on Court 18 which also happened to be the site of Isner's record-breaking, 11-hour, 5-minute victory over Nicolas Mahut in the first round at the All England Club in 2010, a match that ended 70-68 in the fifth set.

"It's the same as any other court," Isner said, "but it was a bit weird out there."

# Cardinals crush Phillies, 12-2



Cardinals capitalized on an injury-restricted Philadelphia pitcher Roy Oswalt to crush the Phillies 12-2 in Thursday's Major League Baseball action.

St. Louis starter Chris Carpenter (2-7) threw seven strong innings, allowing one, striking out seven and walking just one to end a string of seven starts without a win.

Jon Jay and Lance Berkman homered for the Cardinals, who moved into a tie with Milwaukee for the lead in the National League Central division.

St. Louis won for the first time—after two defeats—since on Sunday. He will be out for White Sox. up to six weeks.

Philadelphia starter Oswalt (4-6) left after two innings due to tightness in his lower back. He gave up four runs in his shortest start since 2009.

### Nationals 1, Mariners O

In Washington, manager Jim Riggleman abruptly resigned after Washington beat Seattle for their 11th win in 12 games.

General manager Mike Rizzo said that Riggleman quit after he requested the team pick up the option on his contract for 2012 and the club declined.

The team will name an in-

ST. LOUIS three-time NL MVP Albert Puterim manager before Friday's jols fractured his left forearm game against the Chicago

resignation Riggleman's came moments after Lavnce Nix hit a game-ending sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth, pushing Washington over .500 for the first time since April.

Nix's fly to left off Chris Ray (3-2) was deep enough to score Danny Espinosa, who easily beat the throw to home.

The Nationals swept the Mariners with three one-run victories, putting Seattle (37-38) below .500 for the first time

Tyler Clippard (1-0) pitched the ninth for the Nationals to take the win.

### Giants 2, Twins 1

In San Francisco, Tim Lincecum struck out 12 batters in seven superb innings to steer San Francisco past Minnesota.

Lincecum (6-6) rebounded from a rash of poor starts. He never allowed a runner past second base.

Miguel Tejada and Cody Ross drove in runs for the Giants.

Twins starter Brian Duensing (4-7) allowed just his sixth earned run in his past 22 2-3 innings and took the loss.

### Diamondbacks 5, Royals 3

In Kansas City, Daniel Hudson pitched seven strong inning to win his ninth game of the season, leading Arizona over Kansas City.

Hudson (9-5) is tied for the

NL lead in victories. He is 8-1 with a 2.78 ERA in his past 11 starts after losing his first four. He held the Royals to three runs while walking one.

Miguel Montero led off second with a homer and Juan Miranda went long in the fourth as the Diamondbacks completed a three-game sweep.

Arizona closer J.J. Putz worked a flawless ninth for his 20th save in 23 opportunities.

Royals starter Felipe Paulino (0-1) retired 13 straight at one point and struck out eight. He only left after allowing a single to open the ninth, and the eightplus innings matched his longest outing.

### Mets 4, Athletics 1

In New York, Chris Capuano pitched six scoreless innings before leaving with a minor injury, guiding New York past Oakland.

After the start of the game was delayed by rain for 2 hours, 15 minutes, Capuano (6-7) shut down the A's, not issuing any walks and striking out seven. He left with discomfort in his abdomen.

Longtime second baseman Mark Ellis made his first career start at first base for Oakland, and his inexperience there showed.

Jose Reyes opened the fifth with a grounder and Ellis ranged much too far to his right, missing the ball and leaving the bag uncovered. Second baseman Jemile Weeks then zipped a throw past pitcher Graham Godfrey (1-1) for an error. A sacrifice set up Daniel Murphy's RBI single for a 3-0 lead.

### TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### **MLB STANDINGS**

### **AMERICAN LEAGUE**

W	L	Pct	GB				
44	30	.595	_				
43	30	.589	1/2				
41	34	.547	3 1/2				
36	39	.480	8 1/2				
33	39	.458	10				
Central Division							
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### Kansas City .413 **West Division**

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Atlanta	43	33	.566	4
Washington	38	37	.507	8 1/2
New York	37	38	.493	9 1/2
Florida	33	42	.440	13 1/2

Central Division							
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41	35	.539	_				
39	37	.513	2				
37	37	.500	3				
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### West Division San Francisco Los Angeles

Yesterday's Games Washington 1, Seattle 0 N.Y. Mets 4, Oakland 1 San Francisco 2, Minnesota 1

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### CAGEBELLES

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latter's comfortable lead.

The win over Palau was the second for the CNMI against the hosts and third in a row in the tournament. In the preliminary round, the Commonwealth cagebelles defeated Palau, 46-39. CNMI had its lone loss in the tournament at the hands of Guam during the first day of the competition, 36-86.

In the boys division, the CNMI cagers failed to advance to the finals after bowing to top-ranked Guam, 59-114.

Right from the opening tip, Guam showed its offensive prowess against the depleted CNMI crew as the former broke away with a 30-11 lead in the first canto. The CNMI, which played with only seven players, picked up the scoring in the second canto, 20-19, but Guam still led at the break, 49-31. Guam continued to pull away in the third after outgunning the CNMI, 40-15, for the blowout win.

Christian Mizer led the Commonwealth' losing cause with 15 points, while Jacob Palacios contributed 14. Jose Candosa paced Guam with 20 markers. Guam was scheduled to meet Palau for the championship last night at 7pm. Palau claimed the second finals berth after beating Guam's second team, Guahan, 70-52. The CNMI played Guahan in the battle for third place yesterday at 3pm.

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Top 8 of the POJC so that I may advance to the next tournament, the Oceania Closed Junior Championship, which also awards ranking points," Jones said.

For the POJC, Jones will be playing for the North Pacific Team and will be joined by nine other CNMI netters, four from Guam, and two each from Palau and the Federates States of Micronesia. Jones and company will try to defend their championship against the West and East squads.

# Konflikt upsets Blue Haus in playoffs, 71-63

By WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND



Konflikt knocked out Blue Haus, 71-63, in the opening round of last Wednesday's 2nd QQ Car Rental

Basketball Cup Invitational League playoffs at the Garapan Basketball Court.

In addition, defending champion Mobil kept its title hopes alive after eliminating last year's runner-up Ferrera Builders, 69-64, in the late match.

Meanwhile, Konflikt took on the Smart Cagers in Part 1 of last night's semifinals, while Mobil tipped off against the Sonics in the late feature; details of these results will be released Monday.

In addition, the QQ Cup All-Star game and regular season awards ceremony are set for Sunday night starting at 7:30pm in Garapan; weather permitting. Details of these events will also be released early next week.

In Wednesday's opener, Blue Haus' Dave Sablan tallied nine points in the opening 10 minutes as his team managed an early 18-15 lead.

Sablan took a rest at the start of the second quarter, allowing Konflikt to rally back. However, Sablan returned and managed six late points to close the frame and helped maintain Blue House's slim three-point lead, 34-31.



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Konflikt's Mike Umali takes a shot over Blue Haus' Edwin Santos in last Wednesday's QQ Car Rental caging playoff game at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Both squads continued to grind it out after the break as Konflikt pulled within a point, 49-50, heading into the final period. Konflikt's Elmer Esdrelon began heating up with 11 markers in the third quarter.

At crunch time Esdrelon buried two 3-pointers for eight points as Blue House's Sablan was limited to just three markers in the last quarter.

Esdrelon finished the game with 21 points, while Sablan tallied 25 on the short end.

In the second playoff game, Ferrera Builders worked the ball around well in the first period as seven players put a 56-48, 69-64.

Then Ferrera Builders' Kae Bernardo and Wowie Abuel provided seven points apiece in the second quarter to help maintain a 36-33 advantage at the half.

Mobils' Jun Estolas and Marvin Rabauliman combined for 23 markers in the first half to keep their team in the game.

Mobil came alive after the break and shot ahead, 56-48, heading into the payoff period. Estolas led the charge with 13 points in the third quarter.

Mobil strategically milked the clock in the final 10 minutes and buried four pressure-packed free throws to move on.

Estolas led all scorers with 28 points, while Bernardo managed 17 in the loss.

### First Game

Konflikt 71 - Esdrelon 21, B Camacho 12, Tumaquip 12, Libuw 11, Joyner 9, Mangali 5, Tamayo 1.

Blue Haus 63 - Sablan 25, Talania 15, Santos 13, Tabora 6, Fernandez 2, Sacramento 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 15-19, 31-34, 49-50, 71-63.

### **Second Game**

Mobil 69 – Estolas 28, Rabauliman 19, Fernando 12, Ruluked 8, Abuan 2

Ferrera Builders 64 – Bernardo 17, Abuel 15, Demapan 10, Cruz 8, Mortos 5, Abuy 3, Miranda 2, Yabut 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 17-18, 33-36,

### SUFA Softball Fundraiser raffle changed from June 26 to July 14 The SUFA Softball As- is still set for this weekend at the Capi- must be on the field (and in the lineup) to Portland, Oregon to compete in the to Portland, Oregon to compete in the



sociation has changed the date of its raffle drawing from June 26, to July 14, 2011. Its

second fundraiser softball tournament

tal Hill Ballfield and will conclude on June 26.

The tourney will follow a doubleelimination format with one modified co-ed rule. At least two female players at all times.

Prizes are up for grabs but have not been determined yet.

Proceeds of this weekend's tourney will go toward Team SUFA's trip

In the knockout match, Cargo Ex-

press' White Capalad sunk four from

the stripe for his only points in the

game before Sonny Lerio buried the fi-

nal five pressure-packed free throws to

lead their team to the overtime victory

Earlier in the fourth quarter, Lerio

came off the bench to connect on a

3-pointer and a free throw in the final

Cargo Express actually took the ini-

tiative in the first two quarters of the

match before ceeding control of the

Kelvin Fitial hit two long balls and a

total of nine points to help give Cargo

Express a 24-13 lead in the opening 10

World Resort's Dennis Vinas an-

World Resort carried the momen-

swered with 10 points in the second

quarter as his team clawed back to

tum after the break and managed a 61-

58 lead heading into the final period.

Vinas and Banjo Basila combined for

Vinas tallied 12 more markers in the

within a bucket, 38-40, at the half.

18 points in the third quarter.

against World Resort.

minutes to force extension.

game to World Resort.

minutes.

highly anticipated 2011 Labor Day Softball Tournament.

For more information, contact Joe Flores at 483-7848. (Walter Cepeda Sutherland)

last period of regulation, but Cargo Express hung around in time for Lerio to force overtime then tag-teamed with Capalad to preserve the victory from

the free throw line. World Resort's Vinas and Basila outscored Cargo Express' Pagarao and Fitial, 64-49, but the latter received more support from the bench.

### First Game

Armatech 86 – Esdrelon 28, De Vero 26, Berline 10, Moreno 9, Gabaldon 6, Montano 4, Rebuyon 3.

Soul Jazz 81 - Ruluked 26, Pelisamen 16, Inos 14, Aquino 13, Mina 11, Johanes 1.

**Scoring by quarters:** 22-15, 50-35, 63-49, 86-81.

### **Second Game**

Cargo Express 100 – Pagarao 24. Fitial 23, Itaas 16, Lerio 11, Ritual 11, Jung 7, Capalad 4, Rotap 4.

World Resort 97 – Basila 35, Vinas 29, Abuel 16, Morales 7, Tabamo 6, Navarro 2, Ramos 2.

**Scoring by quarters: 24-13, 40-38,** 58-61, 81-81, 100-97 (OT).

### title matches will be played tonight. The championship matches in other divisions in singles and doubles competi-

In other results last Thursday, Noli Santos (2-2) clinched the last semis seat in the men's B1 singles and will duel Pool A top finisher Saul Gargalo

In the men's A doubles, Gary Bandoja and Oh Inbog and Hapi Gabriel

and Ezekiel Macario notched the last two semis berths. Bandoja and Inbog topped Pool A and Gabriel and Macario finished second to advance against Andrew Galvez and Rodwealth Espana and Dick Guintu and Narlou Achas, respectively.

In the men's C doubles, the semis pairing are Dick Koo and Joel Ortega versus Charlie Borja and Carlo Conwi and Brandon Talania and Jerome Malasarte against Eydie Uy and Rick Brien.

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game that followed the main event.

Cargo Express took on Soul Jazz in last night's win-or-go-home semifinal to see who will challenge Armatech in tonight's championship.

Then after the finals, the losing team will battle fourth-ranked World Resort in the battle for third. The awards presentation is scheduled to take place after the games in Gualo Rai.

Individual winners include regular season most valuable player Lerio Pagarao of Cargo Express; scoring champ Freddie Pelisamen of Soul Jazz; best in steals Zack Babauta of host team Pacific Trading-Miller Lite; best in rebounds Edwin Santos of Blue Haus; best in blocks Jawn Joyner of the Ebisuya Fixers; best in assists Ziddy Johannes of Soul Jazz; and 3-point king Jun Pantaleon of Inchcape.

Team award winners include Bracket A pennant champions Blue Haus and Bracket B's Cargo Express, while Brabu Pharmacy won the team sportsmanship honor.

In the first game, Elmer Esdrelon exploded for 17 points in the payoff period, including the final three free throws to lead Armatech to the five-

Armatech took the driver's seat early as Ivan De Vero scored his team's first nine points of the game that staked the team to a 22-13 lead in the opening period.

De Vero also led the second quarter charge with 11 more markers as Armatech pressed on to a 50-35 halftime advantage.

Soul Jazz's Pelisamen and Gyles Ruluked were held to a combined 23 points in the first half.

Defense tightened up on both sides in the third quarter and the count shifted to 63-49 in favor of Armatech as both teams traded baskets in the period.

Soul Jazz erupted for 32 points in the fourth, but it wasn't enough to offset Esdrelon's big finishing kick.

Esdrelon and De Vero teamed up for to just 16 points in the game.

54 points, while Soul Jazz's Ruluked turned in 26 in the loss. Regular season scoring champ Pelisamen was limited nation round and took the No. 1 seed in

In the men's C singles, it will be Jerome Malasarte versus Luis Camacho. Balakrishnan.

The women's and men's C singles tions will be completed this weekend.

(4-0) in the Final Four tonight.

### **BADMINTON** From Page 28 the TSL Sports Complex.

In the first semis game in the women's C singles, Irish Pagarao pulled off an upset over Over Cris Obaldo took set up a finals tiff against Kim Boranah, who also stunned Roma Barlao in the second semis duel.

Before the loss to Pagarao, Obaldo was unbeaten in four games in the elimi-

Pool B. Boranah finished Pool B at second place with a 2-2 record, beating Elna Curate in the tiebreak. Barlao topped Pool A with a 3-1 mark, while Pagarao came in at second with her 2-1 slate.

Malasarte moved to the semis first after downing Dick Koo and Camacho followed suit after slipping past Mahesh **28** SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2011





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# **CNMI** cagebelles enter MBT finals

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he CNMI forced a title showdown against Guam in the girls division of the 2011 U15 Micronesian Basketball Tournament after crushing host Palau in the semifinals, 56-34, Thursday night at the Palau National Stadium in Koror.

The CNMI cagebelles and the unbeaten Guam bets were scheduled to duel for the cham-

pionship yesterday at 5pm. Guam clinched the first finals berth after a 103-14 demolition of Belau—Palau's second team. In the second semifinals match,

Jeraldine Castillo and Rachel Abrams again were at the forefront of the CNMI's offensive game. Castillo, who tallied 24 points in their 76-18 rout

of Belau last Wednesday, scored 16 against Palau, while Abrams chipped in 12. Abrams top-scored for the CNMI in their game versus Belau, sizzling for 27 markers. team got off to a strong start in the semis, taking a commanding

19-3 lead in the first quarter. By halftime, the CNMI stretched its advantage to 19, 34-15, and the lead ballooned to 24 when

Palau made only five points in the third. Palau outscored the CNMI for the first time in the fourth quarter, 14-12, but that was not enough to overhaul the

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Jeraldine Castillo, second right, seen here posing with members of the CNMI girls team, scored 16 points in their 56-34 semis win over Palau in the 2011 U15 Micronesian Basketball Tournament on Thursday night at the Palau National Stadium in Koror.

# Jones off to Junior ITF tourney

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CNMI tennis player Rafael Jones

left for Fiji yesterday to participate in his first Junior ITF tournament.

Jones will be debuting in the Air Pacific South Pacific Open Junior Championships, which will be played at the Dr. Robin Mitchell Regional Tennis Centre in Lautoka from June 26 to July 3.

The Commonwealth's junior netter is entered in the main draw of the boys U18 singles, earning a slot on the Grade 4 event after topping the 2011 North Pacific Qualifying Tournament in Guam last week. A Grade 4 tournament awards 40 Junior ITF ranking points to the champion, 30 to runner-up, 20 to semifinalists, 15 to quarter-finalists, and 10 to losers in the Round of 16.

If Jones makes it to the Round of 16, he will be the second CNMI netter to gain Junior ITF ranking points. Ji Hoon Heo was the first one after winning



a tournament in New Caledonia and then the same event Jones will be competing in.

The 16-year-old Jones is grateful for the opportunity to compete in Fiji where he will be facing tough junior players from New Zealand, Australia, other Oceania Tennis Federation-member nations, and Asia.

"I am a little nervous, but I won't let that stop me from playing my A game and hopefully I'll be able to earn some points out of that tournament," Jones said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

In the Fiji tournament, Jones is one of the five players without ranking points. Australia's Jay Adrijic and New Zealand's Cameron Norrie are the Top 2 ranked players in the field of 34, holding the No. 304 and 350 spots in the Junior ITF rankings, respectively. Players from Japan, Hong Kong, Korea, Singapore, Great Britain, and Uzbekistan are also entered in the Grade 4 event.

After the Junior ITF event, Jones will be staying in Fiji for a month to train and prepare for the 2011 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships, which will run from Aug. 8 to 12.

"My goal is to finish in the **See JONES on Page 27** 



WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

Armatech's Bruce Berline goes strong to the basket against Soul Jazz's Gyles Ruluked in their Miller caging game Thursday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

# Armatech moves on to Miller caging finals

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Armatech outlasted Soul Jazz, 86-81, in last Thursday's 2011 Miller Lite Friendly Invitational Basketball League winner's bracket semifinals held at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Meanwhile, Cargo Express-Sea Bridge edged World Resort Saipan, 100-97, in overtime of the loser's bracket knockout

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ROSELYN B. MONROY

Kim Boranah gets ready to receive the serve of Rose Lazaro during their women's C singles game in the IT&E badminton tournament at the TSL Sports Complex.

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Four players secured finals berth in the 2011 IT&E Singles/Doubles Badminton Tournament



after prevailing in separate s e m i s

matches on Thursday night at **See BADMINTON on Page 27**